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GIRLS INC. GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Alameda, CA – Members of Girls Incorporated of the Island City will be flying to Hollywood next week to mingle with celebrities and celebrate the accomplishments of women in the media.

Six girls ages 10-12 and two staff members will be flying to Hollywood Nov. 13 to attend the seventh annual Los Angeles Celebration Luncheon put on by Girls Inc. National at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The luncheon celebrates film and television that portrays girls as interesting and purposeful, women and men whose work and accomplishments promote girls' self respect, and the Girls Inc. mission of **inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold^(SM)**. In addition, the girls will be able to meet members of the L.A. Sparks, the WNBA's 2002 champions, who will also be at the luncheon.

"This trip is a chance for our girls to travel to a well-known place and get exposure to the bigger world and all its possibilities," said Pam Williams, program director at Girls Incorporated of the Island City. This is the fourth year the Alameda nonprofit has participated in the luncheon, she said.

Folks who will be honored at the event include Debra Martin Chase, President, Martin Chase Productions; Lana Corbi, President and CEO, Crown Media U.S. for Hallmark Channel; and Mindy Herman, President and CEO, E! Networks.

Co-chairs for the event include John Connolly, President, AFTRA; Nely Galan, President and CEO, Galan Entertainment; Tom Lynch, CEO, Tom Lynch Company; Angela Shapiro, President, ABC Family Channel; and Alfre Woodard, Actor.

At Girls Inc., girls are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

Since 1964, Girls Incorporated of the Island City has provided the only quality program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. More than 15,000 girls have been served since the program began. Formerly known as the Alameda Girls Club Inc., Girls Incorporated of the Island City is a local affiliate of the national nonprofit organization Girls Inc.

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The mission of Girls Incorporated of the Island City is to inspire all girls to be **strong, smart and bold^(SM)** through innovative programs, activities and advocacy.