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### NEW STAFF MEANS MORE ROOM AT GIRLS INC.

**Alameda, CA** – Girls Incorporated of the Island City has hired two new staff members at the Meyers Center for girls, allowing the nonprofit to inspire even more girls to be **strong, smart, and bold<sup>(SM)</sup>**. Sara Mancini has been hired as the Meyers Center Site Director. Girls Inc. also created a new Program Assistant position at the center and has filled it with Jennifer Giang.

“Now that there will be three women working at the Meyers Center we will be able to take girls off our waiting list,” said Executive Director Romy Amos. For only \$40 a year, girls can come to the center every day after school to participate in a variety of educational programs. The increased staff will also allow Girls Inc. to serve more girls through more outreach programs at Alameda Point and in other parts of the community, Amos said.

Mancini comes to Girls Inc. with a recreation major from Western State College in Colorado. Mancini has experience in outdoor leadership and has designed programs for both the corporate world and the general community. She has worked with disabled students, has done flowerbed landscaping, was a facilitator for Taiwanese students, and has completed Wilderness First Response training. Her volunteer experience includes the 4-H Club, Hunger for the Homeless, and Diabetic Camp.

Giang comes to Girls Inc. with a degree in American Multicultural Studies from Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. She was a Diversity Works Summer Intern in Berkeley and played a major role in empowering youth to confront issues of diversity and oppression, along with working among low and underrepresented families. She has been a mentor in a Team Freshmen Course and a reading tutor for the AmeriReads program.

Mancini and Giang started work today, joining hard working and reliable veteran program assistant Teodora Tibayan, who will help Girls Inc. maintain the quality and stability of the program while the new staff comes up to speed, said Program Director Pam Williams.

At Girls Inc., girls are challenged to explore science, math and computers, examine how money is earned and invested, to ask questions, and to 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<sup>(SM)</sup>** through innovative programs, activities and advocacy.