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**Girls Inc. & Alameda Recreation and Parks Host
4th Annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Party**

Alameda, CA – Girls Inc. of the Island City and the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department are co-hosting the 4th Annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Party. The popular event is for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade (ages 5-12) and their fathers or other favorite male role model.

The event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the special relationship between fathers and daughters and will feature music by Strawberry Fields DJ, dancing, special led dances, arts and crafts projects, light refreshments, and a special memento for the girls. Attire for the event is dressy casual (no jeans or shorts, please). Moms and other family members will be allowed to attend the last half hour for free. The party has been so popular in past years that the event has been scheduled for two nights: Thursday, Feb. 10, and Friday, Feb. 11, at the Albert H. DeWitt Officers' Club at 614 West Redline Ave., Alameda Point. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Cost is \$15 per couple, \$8 for each additional daughter and includes commemorative photo. Complimentary admission tickets are available, application required. Pre-registration is required. Due to an overwhelming response, last year's event was sold out. To avoid disappointments, please register early. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 31, or until the event sells out. Register at the Recreation and Parks office, 1327 Oak St. in Alameda, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Additional forms are available at www.ci.alameda.ca.us/arpd. For additional information, contact Alameda Recreation and Parks at 747-7529. For further information about programs, classes and special events offered by Alameda Recreation and Parks, please see the current winter 2005 Activity Guide and the "Blues News" Gazette.

Girls Incorporated of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only quality program in Alameda designed specifically for girls at our girls membership program at our Meyers Center. We also offer childcare for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bayfarm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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