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GIRLS INC. APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alameda, CA – Girls Inc. of the Island City’s Board of Directors appointed Activity Center Program Director Pam Williams as Interim Executive Director at the nonprofit organization this month. Girls Inc. is currently conducting a search to replace Romy Amos, former Executive Director, who retired last month after serving in the position for 12 years.

Williams, a native Alamedan, is a long-time Girls inc. employee, serving in different capacities at the organization for more than 18 years.

“Pam is well respected by the Board, her peers, the staff, and the boys and girls that we serve,” said Girls Inc. Board President Diann Castleberry. “We are confident in her ability to lead the staff in this time of transition.”

Williams grew up in Alameda, attending Edison Elementary School, Saint Philip Neri Elementary School, and graduating from Alameda High School in 1978. A swimmer since the age of six, she set records at the Alameda Swim Championships in the 50 breast stroke in 1970 and 1972 that are still on the books today. She also swam on both the Alameda Swim Team and Alameda High School swim team and volunteered for the Special Olympics..

Williams also swam for Cal State Hayward and was the first woman inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame for the sport of swimming. She was a 14-time All American and was voted most valuable swimmer, most inspirational swimmer, and team captain, exemplifying Girls Inc.’s motto that girls can be strong, smart, and bold. While in school, she worked as a park director for the Parks and Recreation Department in Alameda.

She graduated from college in 1982 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation and Leisure Services, did her internship at Girls Inc., and was hired as Site Director at the organization’s Activity Center at Paden School. In 1984, she took a job in rental and property management at a local real estate office, but returned to Girls Inc. as Site Director at the Edison Activity Center in 1987. She also continued to enjoy swimming, first as a member of the Harbor Bay Master’s swim team for adults and later as a swim coach for Alameda’s Alligator Swim Team.

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.

In 1993, Williams was promoted to Program Director of Girls Inc.'s entire Activity Center program, responsible for the success at seven before- and after-school childcare centers for boys and girls in Alameda and overseeing 25 staff. Under her tenure, staff development and retention increased while the focus of the programs became more educational.

"I am honored to serve Girls Inc. as Interim Executive Director, Williams said. "My goal is to keep the team moving in the right direction and to be the 'go-to' girl, providing stability and peace of mind to my co-workers through this transition."

It is anticipated that the Executive Director selection process will be completed by the end of summer. For information about the position, visit the Girls Inc. website at www.girlsincislandcity.org and click on the "Get Involved" link.

Girls Incorporated of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Incorporated 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, where 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.

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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