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Girls Inc. Receives Donated Telephone System from Xtelesis

Alameda – Girls Inc. of the Island City is thrilled to announce that it is receiving a new phone system this month, valued at \$25,000. The voice over internet protocol (VoIP) phone system is being donated by ShoreTel, Inc. and Xtelesis Corporation. Based in Burlingame, Xtelesis is the Bay Area’s largest reseller for ShoreTel.

The state-of the art phone system from ShoreTel will help Girls Inc. better serve Alameda’s girls, families, and the community, said Girls Inc. Executive Director Karen Kenney.

“With a small staff doing big work, every minute counts,” Kenney said. “This incredibly generous donation will allow our callers to reach their destination faster and more efficiently, giving them better service, and allowing our staff to spend more of our time empowering girls.”

Because, like all nonprofits, Girls Inc. operates on a shoestring budget, the organization would not have been able to purchase such a system, Kenney said.

“We are deeply grateful,” she said.

Girls Inc. 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 program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Their programs “fill in the gap” on issues that parents and schools don’t always have the time or resources to cover, and they provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls, ages 6 to 18. At Girls Inc., girls and teens are challenged to confront stereotypes, explore careers, examine how money is earned and invested, and ask questions about themselves and the world.

The organization also offers a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Girls Inc., call (510) 521-1743 or visit www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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