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4th Annual “Celebrating Special Women in Our lives: In Honor of V-Day”

On February 11th, Girls Incorporated of Alameda County will sponsor its 4th Annual “Celebrating Special Women In Our Lives” Event. The event will focus on V-Day (a national day of consciousness about violence against girls and women), Teen Dating Violence, and women’s empowerment and advocacy. It will feature 2 workshops on these topics. The first workshop will teach teen girls about teen dating violence and female empowerment and the second, given by The Family Violence Law Center, will teach adult women about teen dating violence, how to recognize it, and how to give support to victims. Keynote speaker Sheila Sate, a teacher and activist for teen reproductive health rights, will make an address and Girls Inc. will provide brunch, entertainment, and giveaways.

Girls Inc. looks forward to bringing women of two generations together to increase their awareness and knowledge of Teen Dating Violence and the country’s reproductive health care services for teens. The aim of the event is to promote open communication and educate women on how to take a stand against potential threats to teen’s health and well-being, which are brought to light by national events such as the death of Laci Peterson and the disappearance of Natalee Holloway. Girls Inc.’s keynote address, entertainment and workshops will also help create a dialog between teens and adults about Teen Dating Violence, women’s rights and empowerment, and reproductive health care rights. It will help teens celebrate the legacy of those women who are special to them and will give adult women the opportunity to share their life experiences and learn from their teen girls as well.

About Girls Incorporated of Alameda County

Girls Incorporated of Alameda County is a local affiliate of the national Girls Incorporated. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Currently serving over 6,000 girls and their families annually, Girls Inc. offers year round academic, enrichment and skills building programs, as well as counseling services to low-income girls and

their families. The purpose of these programs – specifically designed for girls ages 6 to 18 – is to expand girls’ capacity for confident and responsible adulthood, economic independence and personal fulfillment. Girls Inc. challenges girls to explore their potential, attend college, build fulfilling careers, and expand their sense of what is possible.

“Celebrating Special Women in Our Lives” will be held on February 11th from 11am – 3pm, at Girls Incorporated: 13666 E. 14th St., San Leandro, CA 94578. For more information, please contact Chyvonne S. Washington at 510/357-5515 ext. 35 or Gennifer Weaver at 510/357-5515 ext. 40.