Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta has leaped into 2019 with bold plans to achieve even bolder goals! Last year, we were able to build more partnerships with schools, increasing the number of girls that are able to benefit from The Girls Inc. Experience. And we are not stopping there!

**By the summer of 2020, we intend to increase enrollment in our programming by over 300 girls!**

To accomplish our goal, **we need your help**! Do you know a principal, school district representative or community leader that is passionate about girls’ education and can open doors for us to bring The Girls Inc. Experience to your community?

To help Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta expand our reach, contact our Program Director, Michelle Graves, at (678) 666-1740 ext. 220 or mgraves@girlsincatl.org.

You will be updated on the progress of our goal through this bi-monthly newsletter.

**With you in her corner, she will change the world!**
Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta hosted a fun week for all the girls who attended for mid-winter break. In honor of National Engineer’s Week, Girls Inc. hosted a series of STEM activities for the girls to participate in.

One of the activities was building a roller coaster. The roller coaster was built out of cardboard boxes, foam, tape, pipes, tennis ball containers, and marbles. We used the engineering design process to create and improve our roller coasters. We also learned about force, gravity and friction.

We also had the opportunity to make fresh fruit gummies. Did you know that gummies were made of polymers? We learned all about how they are formed. Once the gelatin set we were able to actually eat our creations. It was our healthy version of a fruit snack! The younger girls also used these and other snacks to create tall towers that can stand alone. We also got to make Lego cars and have a race. That was fun for all of the girls!

One of the most fun STEM activities this week was making lip-gloss! STEM Beauty Camp came and demonstrated a more eco-friendly way to create make-up products, specifically lip-gloss. We were able to become real scientists and engineers creating and designing our own products.
Georgia Power isn't just powering your home, they are emPOWERing girls! Thank you, Georgia Power, for sponsoring our Summer University.

**Because of you, the light inside many girls will be lit.**

Communal games are super fun, require analytical thinking and teamwork! But did you know they are also boy-dominated? **UNTIL NOW!**

[Click here](#) to join the ladies of Atlanta Dungeons and Dragons as they raise their swords in support of Girls Inc.!

Empowered women empower women! March is Women's History Month and to celebrate [Alternative Apparel](#) teamed up with [August Ink](#) to make these awesome shirts. Inspired, designed and printed by women, 10% of each purchase will go to Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta!

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SUMMER UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Girls Inc. University is summer programming that encourages girls to pursue higher education and set goals for their future. In addition, girls use math and literacy skills daily to ensure they return to school ready to succeed. Each week at Girls Inc. University, girls explore a different major, experiencing new career opportunities for their future. Girls work with professionals from local businesses like The Coca-Cola Company and The Home Depot, gaining knowledge and experience from professionals.

Click here to access the Summer University Application

GEORGIA MILESTONES ARE APPROACHING
The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive assessment system spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take End-of-Grade (EOG) assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, while grades 5 and 8 students will also take the EOG Science and Social Studies assessments.

Georgia Milestones is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state adopted content standards in the core content areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Importantly, Georgia Milestones is designed to provide students with critical information about their own achievement and their readiness for their next level of learning—be it the next grade, the next course, or the next endeavor (college or career).
What can I do to help my daughter?

Students who are prepared, calm, and rested perform better on tests. Here are some of the many ways to help your student approach Georgia Milestones in a relaxed, positive way:

- Encourage your student to employ good study and test-taking skills. These skills include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and reviewing work.

- Explain the purpose of the tests. The assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned in school. They also give teachers information that helps them plan instruction.

- Point out that some items may be more difficult than others.

- Be certain your student gets plenty of sleep and has a healthy breakfast and lunch. Taking tests is hard work for many students and can require a lot of energy.

- Be certain your student is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the tests.

- Remember to ask your student about the testing at the end of each day.

Where can I find more information about Georgia Milestones?

Talk with your student’s teacher or school principal. They can provide specific information about the dates your student will be taking the assessments this year. Many schools have started information sessions, tutoring and review sessions.

The Georgia Department of Education provides Study Guides to help students prepare for Georgia Milestones. They are a resource for parents and students which contains practice questions and learning activities for each content area. Find those resources at http://testing.gadoe.org.

To see what online testing is like, you and your student may visit the Experience Online Testing Georgia website at http://gaexperienceonline.com. The items on the demonstration tests are general and represent multiple grade levels. They do not assess student achievement.

Best of luck to all Girls Inc. girls that are taking the Georgia Milestones!
Join Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta on Friday, August 9, 2019, as we honor leaders in the Greater Atlanta community for the contributions they make to the empowerment of all females. In addition to distinguished awardees, three inspiring girls will be recognized with a scholarship for their commitment to becoming a healthy, educated and independent adult.

Taking place at The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North, doors open at 11:30am and the program begins at noon. Awardees will be announced in April, but we would love for you to secure your tickets now!

Click here to purchase your ticket or table and be granted access to:

- Lunch from The Westin Atlanta’s respected chefs
- The opportunity to meet and celebrate Girls Inc. girls and witness the skills they have learned through Girls Inc. programming
- Networking with individuals from many of Atlanta’s leading companies
- The ability to support girls further by bidding on high-end live and silent
Check out our Sponsorship Opportunities as well!

We are looking forward to an afternoon together of inspiring girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold!

Questions? Contact Ashleigh Ross, Development Manager, at (678) 686-1740 ext. 212 or ARoss@girlsincatl.org.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2019
THE MANOR GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, MILTON GEORGIA
CONTACT ARROSS@GIRLSINCATL.ORG FOR INFO

Save the Date! The 10th Annual Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta Golf Classic takes place on September 24, 2019 at The Manor Golf & Country Club in Milton, Georgia, just north of Alpharetta.

Featuring a four-person scramble and two receptions with silent and live auctions, the tournament expects to host nearly 150 golfers in an event that aims to raise $100,000 to benefit underserved girls in the Greater Atlanta Community.

Over the years, the funds raised by golfers in the Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta Golf Classic has allowed our organization to expand, by nearly 30%, the base of girls whose lives we touch. We would love for you to take a swing at making our community and the world a better place for girls!

Registration will be open soon. Questions? Please contact Ashleigh Ross, Development Manager, at (678) 686-1740 ext. 212 or ARoss@girlsincatl.org.
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in volunteering with Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta? Register for one of our Volunteer Orientations!

Volunteer roles, such as Homework Helper and Program Coordinator, interact closely with the girls at our center in Marietta every weekday. Because of this, we require that each volunteer attend a volunteer training and pass a background check before working with the girls.

Sign up for one of our upcoming Volunteer Orientations here.

Is your company interested in volunteering with the girls as a group? To customize your experience, contact Ashleigh Ross, Development Manager, at (678) 686-1740 ext. 212 or ARoss@girlsinatl.org.

MAKE A DONATION

No other national organization is doing what Girls Inc. does: empowering young women from kindergarten through high school to overcome serious gender, economic, and social barriers, forge their paths and achieve their own success. Through our intentional and compensatory programs, we are building a financially stable, competent and empowered generation of girls.

Your donation is vital to our programs. Click below to show her that you are in her corner.

FUND A GIRL'S FUTURE TODAY