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

We are utilizing United Way of Greater Atlanta’s Child Well-Being Index to determine the areas where Girls Inc. programming would be of most immediate benefit. Taking into account factors such as academic standards, graduation rates, and college and career readiness, we have determined Clayton County, DeKalb County and South Fulton County to be areas where a great impact can be made to ensure that girls have the tools they need to become empowered women.

In April 2019, we began a partnership with Clayton County school district where a Girls Inc. pilot program is currently underway at Riverdale Middle School. We hope to have a regularly scheduled program there by the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year with a plan to expand into other Clayton County Schools from there!

To continue the growth of Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta, 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) 686-1740 ext. 220 or mgravess@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!
Light Up The Night: Girls Inc.’s Northern Lights Display

Thanks to Lockheed Martin’s support of Girls Inc.’s Operation SMART program, our 4th and 5th grade girls were able to learn about how the earth’s own magnetic field protects us from hazardous solar winds, resulting in the beautiful displays of light called the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

"To understand the Northern Lights, we used some construction paper with some clear paper and then tin foil. There were small green light bulbs on my table. When I put the clear paper on the construction paper, I could use the tin foil to reflect the lights back to it. You can make the tin foil into an oval shape, like it is the Earth’s magnetic field, and the lights will change patterns on the construction paper!"

- Khanya Stroman, 4th grade
SHOUT OUT
TO ALL OF OUR HEROES

UPS is proving that they really are United Problem Solvers by supporting the Girls Inc. Literacy program!

Many of the girls we serve in grades K-3 are not meeting the recommended reading standards. This partnership with UPS will prove that girls will not only learn to read, they will read to learn!

As a STRONG Sponsor of the 2019 Strong Smart Bold Awards Luncheon, GE is imagining a future where all girls have the tools they need to become empowered women!

Thank you for being in our corner, GE!

Morrison Healthcare uses the power of food to create personalized experiences that drive overall well-being and encourage a sense of community.

As a BOLD Sponsor of the 2019 Strong Smart Bold Awards Luncheon, they are making sure their mission expands even further throughout our community!
GIRLS INC. WEEK 2019: BE UPSTANDING
In order for girls to fulfill their potential, they must first be safe. For Girls Inc. Week 2019 (May 6-10), we will be highlighting with the girls how we all can play a part in tackling sexual harassment and violence by taking action to change the culture and create a safer world for all girls and young people.

This week we will be engaging the girls in identifying steps they can take to be a part of the solution. As this may spark discussion at home, below we have provided some of the key takeaways from our Be Upstanding Girls Inc. Week programming.

WHAT IS AN UPSTANDER?
An upstander is someone who witnesses problematic language or behavior between people, either in person or online, and decides to do something about it. An upstander is a bystander who has chosen to do something. Sometimes the term "active bystander" is used to describe an upstander.

HOW CAN UPSTANDERS HELP PREVENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE?
There are many options for intervening in a situation where there is a potential for harm, and not all of them involve direct confrontation. Here is a standard model offered to upstanders as a reminder of the four tactics:

C. Create a distraction
A. Ask directly
R. Refer to authorities
E. Enlist others
We all can be part of creating a community where girls and all young people are safe, respected, and valued. While we want all girls to feel empowered to intervene when they see problematic language and behavior, we also want them to know that they should not feel unduly responsible for protecting their peers, especially if violence does occur. The ultimate responsibility to prevent violence among youth rests on those initiating the act and on adults.

Questions about Girls Inc. Week Programming? Contact Michelle Graves at mgraves@girlsincatl.org or 678.686.1740 ext. 220.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER UNIVERSITY!
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 in which they are introduced to a variety of potential career paths. Girls work with professionals from local businesses like The Coca-Cola Company and The Home Depot, gaining knowledge and experience from professionals.

Some age groups are already at capacity! Contact Bridget to find out more or get on the wait list - btrawick@girlsincatl.org, 678-696-1740 ext. 229.

Click here to access the Summer University Application
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 auction items

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@girlsincafl.org.

**Registration is Open!** 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!

[Click here to buy your ticket or foursome!](#) And view our [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) while you are there!

Questions? Please contact Ashleigh Ross, Development Manager, at (678) 686-1740 ext. 212 or aross@girlsincafl.org.
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@girlsincatl.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