In 2013, Girls Inc. of Monroe County (GIMC) experienced many new and exciting opportunities. The most exciting was the addition of the new HVAC system in our gymnasium! Our members & their families can enjoy the gym any time of year in comfort. In addition to the HVAC system, other improvements were made to gym restrooms, some fresh paint in the gym, and electrical outlet boxes for our scoreboards.

After serving GIMC for 5 years, Lee Ann Jourdan took a position with Girls Inc. of Indianapolis. Lee Ann did an amazing job at building relationships and strengthening the agency, both of which have made my transition here smoother. I am encouraged by the level of dedication from the staff and supporters and have great hopes for the years to come.

- Kristi McCann, Executive Director

When I look back at 2013, I not only think of our many successes, but I also think of change. We embraced change in so many ways. We were bold when we looked for funding from different sources and sought out new collaborations. We were both sad and proud when our long-time Executive Director, Lee Ann Jourdan, transitioned to a new career with Girls Inc. in Indianapolis. Our staff was strong and took on additional responsibilities. We executed a smart plan to find and hire our new director, Kristi McCann. Through these changes we stayed true to our mission to inspire girls to be STRONG, SMART, and BOLD.

As the year closed, it was nice to reflect on our board’s accomplishments. We had a series of successful events including our spring Flower Sale, Annual Luncheon, and Holiday Hoopla. We celebrated the significant improvements made to the Girls Inc. gymnasium with a rededication ceremony. We “won” 100 Women Who Care and a building beautification contest. In total, board members volunteered over 1,000 hours last year. Each and every member of our Board of Directors helped impact the organization in a positive way and, as Board President, I am extremely grateful for their continued support.

Among the many positive changes, I think the most eventful was the hiring of our new Executive Director. As a parent of a Girls Inc. member, Kristi McCann’s familiarity with the organization was reassuring. She has demonstrated a wonderful work ethic, positive attitude, and a strong commitment to the organization.

Our organization served over 360 girls from Monroe County last year and it is our mission to grow that number! Our success is truly measured by the number of girls who experience Girls Inc. This not only benefits the girls, but their families benefit, their communities benefit, and all of us ultimately benefit. Your support, whether by sharing your time, making a financial contribution, or lending your talents, is greatly valued. Please consider how you can continue to support in 2014. We can’t do it without you.

- Kristi Gibbs, Board President
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