



Dear Girls Inc. of Monroe County Families and Supporters:

We hope you are doing well and staying safe as we go through this uncertain situation. We wanted to let you know what we are doing at Girls Inc. to ensure that once this passes you know Girls Inc. will be stronger than ever. Girls are resilient and so are we.

Initially, we planned to remain open during this time to provide ongoing services to our girls whose families would not be able to remain home with them. With our high-speed internet and computer lab, we wanted to be a place where girls could work on their remote schooling and have breakfast and lunch. Unfortunately, due to the current health mandate of limiting gatherings to 10 people, we were forced to close until further notice. Yet, we are considering new options daily and plan to provide services to Monroe County's girls as soon as possible.

As you know, Girls Inc. isn't just a place for girls to come to for fun activities, but we are the advocates for our girls. When we see that she needs resources, we step out ahead and will do anything to provide her a space, a mentor, and a friend so she can be empowered to be strong, smart, and bold.

First, we have started a special campaign to ask for help during this time. With our girls at home and programs canceled, including our spring break camp and spring volleyball league, we will not have our normal stream of earned revenue. That is why we are looking to our supporters, like you, to help us as we try to cover our overhead and staff expenses.

Second, we are planning to alter our major events this spring and summer to social distancing. Our Suffragette event has been rescheduled for May 15, 2020. Our flower sale will be available online beginning next week, with curbside pickup or delivery on May 9th - just in time for Mother's Day! At this time, we will continue to promote our summer camp registration, provided that we will be open by June 1st, and our annual luncheon is still on the schedule for July 23rd.

Third, we are planning some exciting capital improvements and new programs for fall. We are seeking a variety of grant opportunities to help us fund these projects and are looking to bolster our community partnerships, specifically with MCCSC, to reach more girls, more often.

We can go forward and continue to provide programs for our girls because you have always been there for us, but in this uncertain climate, we need you even more. Please go to <https://girlsinc-monroe.kindful.com> to make a donation to our COVID-19 response campaign today. Many in our community are asking, "how can we help?" Please share our needs with your network, and we will continue to keep you informed of our service to our Monroe County girls.

Thank you for helping us as we navigate this difficult journey.