

Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara

50th Anniversary

IN COMMEMORATION OF

50 YEARS of service in the Santa

Barbara community, Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara held their seventh annual celebration luncheon marking an important milestone and the release of their new book, *More Letters from the Heart* on Tuesday, February 5th at Fess Parker's Double Tree Resort.

The luncheon featured special guest speakers, Chely Rodríguez, 1998 Girls Inc. National Scholar; Alyce Faye Eichelberger-Cleese; and Grammy Award Winning Singer, Nancy Wilson.

Rodríguez shared how Girls Inc. helped her in life. At 17, Rodríguez tried to pursue a modeling career, but ended up in the hospital to receive treatment for anorexia and bulimia. "My years at Girls Inc. taught me an important lesson. You cannot go through life without making mistakes," she shared. "Girls Inc. challenged me to make something positive out of my struggle with body image and

gave me the opportunity to do so."

After traveling to New York to share her story, Rodríguez was asked to write her story and has been published in several publications.

The authors of *More Letters from the Heart* were present to sign copies of the book. Proceeds from the luncheon and book sales will help fund after-school and summer programs for more than 1,000 girls served by Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara.

For more information on Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara call 963-4757 or visit www.girlsincsb.org.



Chely Rodríguez,
1998 Girls Inc.
National Scholar



Nancy Walker Koppelman, Author; **Nina Terizan;** **Alyce Faye Eichelberger-Cleese;** featured speaker



Jelinda DeVorzon, Author; **Adele Denko;** **Susan Keller,** Author; **Anne Smith Towbes,** Table Host and Author; **Deanna Dehlsen,** Author. (Front) **Ruth Green,** Author; **Debby Davison,** Author; **Perri Harcourt,** Author; and **Carole Ridding,** Author



Esther Mulnix, Author; **Shella Lodge,** former Mayor and Author; **Joan Marinello Bowman,** event Co-Chair; **Monica Spear,** Girls Inc. of Santa Barbara Executive Director; **Donna Barranco Fisher-Yates,** event Co-Chair; **Martha Salas,** Book and Event Founder; **Kim Mearing,** Author



Olivia Uribe, daughter of **Sylvia Uribe,** Author



Nacy Dennis accompanying Mother **Nancy Wilson,** Grammy Award Winning Singer and guest speaker



Monica Spear, Executive Director and **Lois Capps,** 23rd District Congresswoman and Author

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