

Girls Inc.

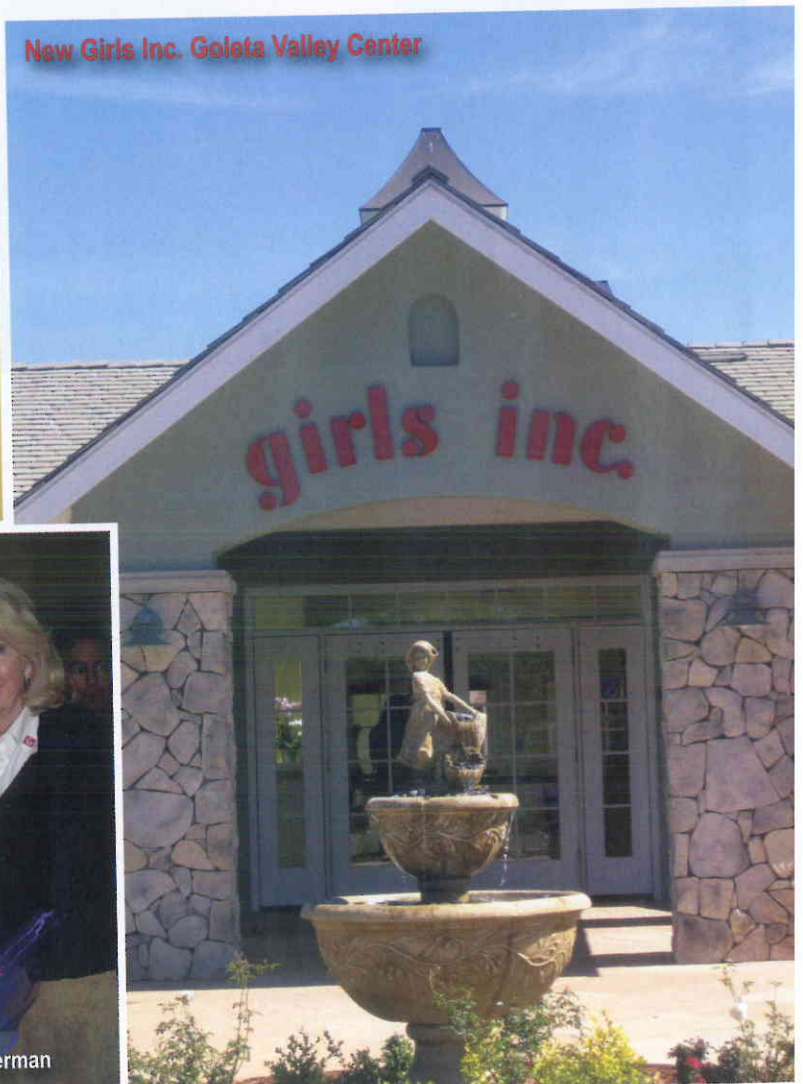
Strong, Smart, and Bold

Strong, Smart, and Bold is what best describes the driving force behind the Girls Inc. team as they celebrate a milestone and a new chapter the history of the Girls, Inc. Since 1958, Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara has responded to the changing needs of girls through research-based programs and public education efforts that empower girls to understand, value, and assert their rights.

Eight years ago, Girls Inc. identified the extreme need for a Girls Inc. Center in the Goleta Valley, which has more than 4,000 school age children and less than 400 after school/summer program slots available. In 2000, Girls Inc. purchased 1.4 acres at 4973 Hollister to build a Girls Inc. Program Center to serve Goleta Valley area children and families and began a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to build and furnish this new facility. Now, in 2008, the 20,000 square foot Girls Inc. Center is a reality. Tears, joy, laughter, happiness, and most of all, the love for their

cause was part of the celebration. The Goleta Valley Center is absolutely beautiful—walking into the center, you feel the warmth that flows throughout the center, the soft and warm colors are soothing, the smell of fresh paint still lingers in the hall ways. It's not hard to imagine the laughter and joy of the many girls in Goleta and Santa Barbara that will enjoy the benefits of this new addition to the community. Until now, community resource space has been virtually non-existent in the Goleta Valley. The new building will provide rental space/facilities, including a full size gymnasium and 200-seat theatre, for several other organizations to use for sports, theatre productions, and other youth and community oriented activities.

New Girls Inc. Goleta Valley Center



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