

Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona hosts PROGRESSIVE DINNER AT EL PRESIDIO

On Friday evening, September 26th, GISA hosted a Progressive Dinner at El Presidio District in Downtown Tucson. Over forty (40) people attended the event.

Starting with appetizers at Old Town Artisans, the group walked down the street for dinner at El Charro. Dessert was provided by Cafe a la C'ART at the Tucson Museum of Art. The weather was perfect, despite a few raindrops here and there. The food was delicious; the company friendly and engaging. By all accounts, a wonderful time was had by all.

GISA expresses its gratitude to all who attended and helped to make this event a great success.

Girls Inc attends Social PowWow

On Saturday, October 4, 2008 GISA participated in the 7th Annual Children's Social PowWow sponsored by the Tucson Children's Museum and Tucson Indian Center.

Polo Shirts Now Available

A supply of Girls Inc. polo shirts are again available. Purchase price only \$20.00 each. Promote our non-profit and announce your involvement and support.

Contact **Carolyn Andersen** to purchase via email at info@girlsincsoaz.org or phone (520) 623.2661. State number of shirts you are ordering and respective sizes in your message. We'll be back in touch regarding delivery options and method of payment.

Get Ready for the Holidays

Remember our new online Marketplace when you shop online. It is your doorway to 1,000 online stores. Shop with any of the merchants listed and they will donate a portion of every sale to *Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona* in your name or anonymously.

All you have to do is click on the little shopping bag displayed at the site, and start shopping! There is no additional cost to you.

Go to our Marketplace via www.girlsincsoaz.org.

Where Are You?? We need to talk!!

Were you involved with Girls Clubs or Girls Inc. in the past?

Girls, facilitators, staff, volunteers—We want all of you to be part of the new Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona. Please call 520-623-2661 for more information, or come to one of our upcoming events. Watch the newsletters for details.

Bring your talents and enthusiasm to us locally at Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona.

Volunteers Needed – Visit our web-site at www.girlsincsoaz.org to view our list of talent needs. We encourage anyone interested in signing on for one-time only events, as well. Try us on! You may decide to make a longer term commitment. Submit a Volunteer Application on-line and mention your availability. We will contact you and let you know what events are in the pipeline.

GISA Volunteer Update:

(Sept 6, 2008) Volunteer Orientation – Attendees included **Gloria Glenn, Victoria Fernandez, Melinda Osterman, Jen Zuckerman, Diana Johnston, Diane Jeffrey, Brooke Walker** and **Sheila Kembel**. *All graduated with honors!*

New Volunteers recently joining our ranks include: **Amanda Campos, Sara Howe, Trynia Kaufman** and **Mary Woo**. *Welcome to GISA!*

Special thanks and recognition from the GISA Board of Directors to Volunteers, **Ritu Gupta** for behind-the-scenes work and involvement in grant research and grant writing; to **Paula Corrette-Fay** for graphic design & web-site maintenance; to **Teresa Register** for photography work and to **Kim Benson** for work on newsletters & participating as a facilitator in local workshops and programming. *Thanks to all for helping us get to the next level!*

Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona (GISA) announces recent launch of Girls Inc. programs for girls living in Pima County

GISA is offering programs through collaborations with two local organizations. At **Lawrence Intermediate School in southwest Tucson**, GISA is facilitating **Safety in ActionSM** for 9 and 10 year old girls after school. The interactive program strengthens girls' sense of themselves as valued young people and assists girls in acquiring strategies to help ensure personal safety.

Ana Gallegos, principal of Lawrence, believes the program is important to helping further her vision of bringing supplementary opportunities to her students. This program is offered through the after school program. Lawrence has most recently made significant academic gains in all areas and is a Performing Plus school!

Girls at two **Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson** are participating after school in the **Girls Inc. Media SmartsSM** program. From magazines to marketing campaigns to music videos, girls today are bombarded by media images. The 9 to 11 year old girls at the **Steve Daru and Holmes Tuttle Clubhouses** are learning through this interactive program to become more aware of media messages and their effect on girls and women, including their furtherance of stereotypes about girls.

GISA is glad to be working with these two organizations which share the view that offering programs specifically aimed at giving life skills to girls is important and beneficial to the girls, their families and the community.

In 2009 GISA expects to continue collaborating with these two organizations and aims to reach additional girls in Pima County through outreach, i.e., by offering Girls Inc. programs to girls at other organizations that serve girls and share our mission of "inspiring girls to be strong, smart and bold."

GISA is an affiliate of Girls Incorporated(R), a national nonprofit which offers programs to address math and science education, media literacy, economic literacy, adolescent health, sports participation, pregnancy and drug abuse prevention, and sports participation.

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