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GIRLS INC. HITS ONE OUT OF THE PARK!

Family fun for a great cause at the home of the World Series Champs

November 16, 2017: The celebrations continued at Minute Maid Park when Girls Inc. of Greater Houston hosted the Reach for the Stars Family Gala on Saturday, November 11th at the home of the World Series Champion Houston Astros. Lead event underwriters were Phillips 66 and Gibbs & Bruns LLP, sponsors, families, and guests partied in the Diamond Club and raised more than \$115,000 for Girls Inc. after-school programs, camps, and activities. Astro's VP of Event Sales & Operations, Stephanie Stegall chaired this all-ages evening that featured great food, games, and dancing. Guests hung out with popular Houston mascots Orbit and Newton the Dragon and got to experience the luxury seating just feet from home plate in the Diamond section of Minute Maid Field. KHOU reporter Brandi Smith emceed the evening sharing her story and Girls Inc.'s mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. The Ecklund Family served as honorary chairs with Michol and Mike's daughters, Evan and Elliott, leading a very competitive game of Heads or Tails. Lucky coin toss winner Rachel Herrera went home with a Nintendo Switch donated by Advisory Council Member, Donald Terry, Jr. Auction Chair, Julie Hardin was extremely happy with hotly offerings that included items from MLB World Series Champions and Astro Silver Sluggers - a baseball signed by George Springer and commemorative bat autographed by MVP José Altuve. Appropriate for the Diamond Club the auction included a selection of sparklers donated by Jonathan's Fine Jewelers. A bright blue playhouse designed and built by employees of Fluor, NAWIC, and AMECO was auctioned off and donated to school partner Harris Academy in Aldine ISD.

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Girls Inc. of Greater Houston is a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. It is a local affiliate of the national organization, Girls Incorporated – a recognized leader in the design and delivery of educational programming for girls ages 6-18. After-school enrichment programs and camps engage girls in interactive learning opportunities, introduce them to mentors, and help build them into leaders for their communities. Girls build confidence and embrace positive decision-making to take charge of their health and wellbeing, and achieve academic, personal and career goals.

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