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**Thanks to our wonderful donors,  
Frolic on the Green was a huge success.**

We had 388 attendees and raised around \$100,000 for our programs. Special thanks to Jenn Char, event chair, for her leadership and support.

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This year's Strong, Smart, and Bold Honoree was Joanne Herring. Additional honorees include Halliburton, Margaret D'Onofrio, Leah Honey, Madhu Vadali, and Constance White.

**Congratulations to Linda Jo Nutt!**

Linda was part of the Girls Inc. of Greater Houston group at McWhirter Elementary School. The group made rockets as part of the Reach for the Stars Rocket Competition. Linda placed in the top four out of over 2,000 entries. Plus, she was the only girl to be in the top group. This is the first time that a Girls Inc. entry has won at the national level. Linda wants to be an engineer when she grows up and credits her love for STEM to her participation with Girls Inc. We can't wait to see what Linda's future holds!





## Camp Smart coming this summer!

Camp SMART offers an opportunity for girls, ages 12-15, to have fun with friends while still learning and engaging during the long summer months.

**Camp SMART will feature hands-on science experiments in the mornings and focus on personal development and interactive projects in the afternoons.**



### Camp SMART for girls ages 12-15

#### WHEN

June 6-24, Monday-Friday only, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### WHERE

Houston Baptist University,  
7502 Fondren Rd, Houston, TX 77074

#### HOW MUCH

\$150/week, space is limited,  
need-based financial aid available

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Your support is making a difference! With your help, we equip girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. Girls build confidence and embrace positive decision-making to take charge of their health and wellbeing, and achieve academic, personal, and career goals.

## Spring Break Camp at Proctor Park Plaza

While most Houston-area students might have stayed home or traveled during this past Spring break, a group of strong, smart, and bold young girls ages 6-13 participated in Girl's Inc's second annual Spring Break Camp at Proctor Park Plaza from March 14-18.

The girls piqued their scientific interests with many fun, hands-on experiments that ranged from DNA extraction to owl pellet dissection. They also explored new, fascinating concepts with several brilliant volunteers from Halliburton, Fluor, M.D. Anderson Medical Center's graduate program, and more. To keep their bodies and minds healthy, the girls also engaged in energizing physical activities like Krav Maga and Zumba, as well as a session on peer pressure with Girls

on the Run. Spring Break Camp also provided girls with a week-long personal development project that enabled them to strengthen their construction skills and ability to work as a team.

With help from Sugar Land-based volunteer and carpenter Eric Benazeraf, the girls constructed and painted a wooden playhouse. Upon its completion, the playhouse was displayed at our Frolic on the Green fundraiser and was sold to former board member Helene Leeke, who recently donated the playhouse to Nature Discovery Center Houston. By the end of camp, the girls gained the confidence, knowledge, and enthusiasm to take on the world as strong, smart, and bold young ladies.

## Donate Today!

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