Well hello, Spring! GIGH has started 2021 off with a bang. In January, we hosted our very first Be BOLD LeadHERs Townhall discussion, in March we had Camp Smart - Spring Break and partnered with Big Brother Big Sister for our Be BOLD LeadHERs Summit themed "I'm Speaking!" Close to 200 attendees enjoyed STE²M activities, panel discussions, writing workshops, games and so much more. We even had breakout rooms for the parents! It’s May and we are beginning to get back to in-person programming! We look forward to many more exciting events this year, especially our Strong, Smart, and Bold Virtual Happy Hour fundraiser on Thursday, June 24th where we will be recognizing our phenomenal honorees Nickea Bradley, Simmi Jaggi, Dr. Shreela Sharma, and Dr. Susan Wootton. Read more about this fun event below. Make sure you are following us on social media so you don’t miss a thing. #NOFOMO
Girls Inc. offers a variety of research-based programs led by trained facilitators. The curriculum is age-appropriate, interactive, and project based. Programs are developed in cooperation with school instructors and administrators to address specific needs of each campus.
#CampSmart Spring Break!

Our Virtual Camp Smart - Spring Break was a blast this year! We offered over 30 girls STEM programming and supplied them with everything they needed for a successful camp experience. Here’s what parents had to say:

“I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave Isabel to expand her knowledge and learn to discover how wonderful and fun Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are. Since she started school, Isabel has shown skill in mathematics, I am sure this will help her when choosing her professional career. As a mom I can't find words to thank you for how important this camp has been and I can only say THANK YOU VERY MUCH, for all you do for all the girls, especially Isabel.”

“Thank you all for continuing to empower our Girls via Girls Inc. Chloe always enjoys it. “

“The Girl’s Inc. camps are amazing! You all have made an outstanding impact on her life, academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you all so much for acknowledging how great Zillion is, your time, patience, activities and resources.”

Da’Nilya Jackson
Mading Elementary, 2nd grade

Da’Nilya is always prepared to learn and loves participating in reading activities! She always has an enthusiastic energy and is prepared to help her classmates during our Project Literacy sessions. She is the embodiment of what it means to be STRONG, SMART, & BOLD!
LOOK FORWARD TO:

**2021 STEM SUMMER CAMP**

Calling all STRONG, SMART, & BOLD Girls 7-12 yrs. old !!

June 21st - July 2nd / 9:00am - 4:00pm
Kindred Church
2515 Waugh Dr
Houston, TX 77006

$100 in-person registration fee
$50 virtual registration fee

*Scholarships available

Girls will:
- Recognize and celebrate their strengths and abilities through physical activity
- Engage in STEAM activities while learning about medicine, science and the human body
- Meet dynamic guest speakers and interact with engineering professionals

Register today!
https://bit.ly/3nPg3kY

For more information, please contact rebecca@girlsinc-houston.org 713.802.2280

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**2021 Be BOLD Institute!**

Calling all Strong, Smart, and Bold 13-18 yr old girls!

Weekdays, July 12-23, 2021
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church
1245 Heights Blvd.
Houston, TX 77008

$100 virtual / $200 in-person
Scholarships available!

- *Personal laptops
- Community service hours
- Technology skills training
- Strengthen leadership skills
  *pending fulfillment of program requirements

Register today!

For more information contact Ashley
ashley@girlsinc-houston.org / 713.802.2280
Volunteer Corner

Are you interested in becoming a mentor with GIGH? Reach out to Suzanne at suzanne@girlsinc-houston.org or call 713.802.2260

Vanessa Santillan joined the Girls Inc. of Greater Houston team as a University of Houston intern in 2019. She worked alongside our Program Facilitator at Mading Elementary to assist with “Project Lit.” our reading literacy initiative program. Since then, Vanessa has continued to support our organization by volunteering with the backpack drive, candy bag stuffing, and virtual camp kit decorations.

"Interning at Girls Inc. was a wonderful experience! The facilitator I was interning under, was very helpful and kind as she showed me the ropes. I managed to better my communication skills working with them. I also really saw the impact Girls Inc has by getting to know the girls, working with them and seeing the girls open up and really engage and enjoy the activities we did together."

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Summer Camp Activity Book Making
- Summer Camp Kit Decoration
- Virtual Happy Hour Box Assembly

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering with GIGH, please contact Juno at juno@girlsinc-houston.org or call 713.802.2260
Introducing our 2021 
Board of Directors

"Throughout my life numerous women have inspired me and shown me how to be a better leader, a better friend and a better advocate.
As this year’s incoming Board Chair of GIGH, I am hoping to leverage and take advantage of my male privilege as well as my, unearned, male entitlement to serve as a vigorous advocate for all Houston girls.
The vision of Girls Inc. of Greater Houston is to help all girls realize their potential and exercise their rights.
With our dedicated staff and a committed Board, we want you to join us in making sure all girls grow up knowing they can grow up to be Strong, Smart, and Bold."

Alex Calicchia, Chair

"There is no other organization that bridges the educational, career, and mentor gaps which can exist for girls today. I’m honored to serve on the Board of Directors, helping promote the organization, raising funds to support programming for a growing footprint, and providing input on the organization’s governance and controls."

Michele Pilbosian, 
Immediate Past Chair

"Girls Inc. epitomizes what I learned growing up counting pennies along my journey from Stanford University to St. Mary’s University School of Law– all girls can be Strong, Smart and Bold when they have the experiences and opportunities to thrive.
I am passionate about girls’ education and development. It is my hope that, through my Board service to Girls Inc., I can give as many girls a chance to thrive, put them in positions of power and get them one step closer to accomplishing their own dreams."

Rosa Maria Villagomez, 
Vice Chair

"Nonprofits that support women and girls only receive 1.6% of all charitable giving in the US and 70% of that giving comes from women.
I support GIGH because I want girls to dream beyond what they think is possible today."

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