

Inspiring ALL girls to be
strong, smart, & bold!

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



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Virtual
Happy Hour!

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Join us for our Annual Fundraising Event!

Thursday, June 24th

**4:30 - 5:00pm VIP Reception
5:00 - 6:00pm Main Stage Event**

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Virtual Happy Hour

..... Honoring



Civic Leader Award
Nickea Bradley



**Business Leader /
Entrepreneur Award**
Simmi Jaggi



**Eileen Campbell
Vanguard Award**
Dr. Shreela Sharma



Emerging Leader Award
Dr. Susan Wootton

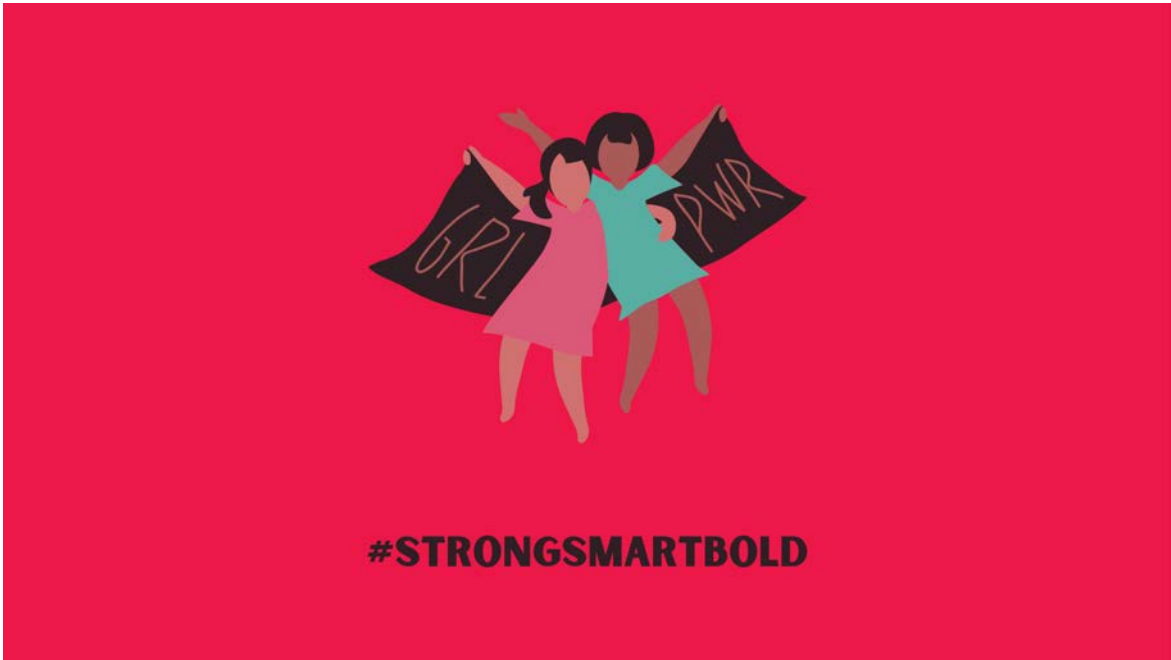


KHOU 11, Mia Gradney
Hostess

Featuring

VIP section, GIGH client features & performances,
and a whole lot of fun!

Register and Learn more at
<https://bit.ly/registernocharge>



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 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!**



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2021 STEM SUMMER CAMP

STE^M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Math)



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

LOOK FORWARD TO:

June 21st - July 2nd / 9:00am - 4:00pm

Kindred Church

2515 Waugh Dr

Houston, TX 77006

Option 1:
In-person

Option 2:
Virtual
Zoom platform

\$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 713.802.2260



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!

College/Career Prep

Dynamic network of women/peers

Field Trips

Safe space to be yourself

Opportunities to create change in schools/communities

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

Writer's workshops

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Register today!
<https://bit.ly/3opbApd>

For more information contact Ashley
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THE NUMBERS

(Jan - April 2021)

82

Volunteers

7

Mentors

4

Interns

13

Corporate Partners

217 HOURS!

Volunteer Corner



What Makes a Good Mentor?

- A sincere desire to be involved with a young person
- Respect for young people
- Active listening skills
- Empathy
- Ability to see solutions and opportunities
- Flexibility!

Benefits: Mentoring relationships are a shared opportunity for learning and growth. Many mentors say that the rewards they gain are as substantial as those for their mentees, and that mentoring has enabled them to:

- Have fun
- Achieve personal growth and learn more about themselves
- Improve their self-esteem and feel they are making a difference
- Gain a better understanding of other cultures and develop a greater appreciation for diversity
- Feel more productive and have a better attitude at work
- Enhance their relationships with their own children

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 Pilibosian,
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



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"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."

Jeannie Gardner, Secretary

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