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Girls Inc. of Pinellas Receives \$20,000 Grant from the Frances & Gertrude Levett Foundation

Pinellas Park, FL (May 4, 2020) – [Girls Inc. of Pinellas](#), the leading non-profit that inspires and benefits nearly 400 girls annually through services designed to teach all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, received a generous \$20,000 in grant funding from the Schoen Foundation.

The \$20,000 investment will allow Girls Inc of Pinellas to provide on-site, full day programming for the girls of frontline and essential workers at no cost to their families. This interim programming is open to all girls in Pinellas county between the ages of 5 and 18 and provides the safety net imperative for families to continue to work. Families are advised that programming includes 3 daily meals, support for the completion of classwork assignments and opportunities for outdoor play.

“We are impressed and proud to have the Frances & Gertrude Levett Foundation’s support during such a critical time. Because of their commitment, we were able to sustain our extended programming during these times of Covid-19, allowing us to be that safe place for girls during school and early evening hours. We understand that many families have lost at least one income or their work hours have been drastically cut. We are compelled to provide that safety net for these girls and their families.” explained Darla Otey, Executive Director of Girls Inc. of Pinellas.

This tremendous support will allow Girls Inc. of Pinellas to provide the skills imperative for success, the positive feedback and mentoring necessary to thrive, and a safe environment that is critical to encourage learning and growth through mistakes and challenges. Our programs will forge ahead and grow while breaking negative cycles, providing young girls with the critical programming and meaningful relationships that inspire them to believe in themselves and succeed.

Frances and Gertrude Levett Foundation’s Mission:

Our Foundation was established to keep Francis and Gertrude Levett’s passions and charitable, public-minded spirit alive by providing support to local non-profits that primarily advance childhood education, medical research, and community well-being.

Francis and Gertrude Levett started a busing company for the local school districts on Long Island, New York prior to living in St. Petersburg, Florida. They loved these two communities, and their wish was to improve both through service and philanthropy.

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