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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Girls Inc. of Pinellas Receives \$40,000 Grant from Girls Inc. National

Pinellas Park, FL (June 30, 2020) – [Girls Inc. of Pinellas](#) is pleased to announce that it is one of the affiliates of Girls Inc National that received support in the form of a grant for \$40,000 from the Girls Inc. National headquarters.

**The \$40,000 investment will assist Girls Inc of Pinellas in providing connections to girls throughout the summer and to be in a position to resume afterschool programming in the Fall.**

This Fall, Girls Inc of Pinellas after school programming will feature a 10-week *Full STEAM Ahead!* program where Pinellas County girls in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will receive hands on opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. “We will partner with local organizations to help bring these areas of opportunity to life,” shared Darla Otey, Executive Director at Girls Inc of Pinellas, “Our goal is to inspire young women to pursue leadership roles in STEAM-focused fields. We want to boost their skills and prepare them for the world of work today and tomorrow.”

One of the areas that will be enhanced by the national support is the Girls Inc technology lab. The funds will be used to completely upgrade the computer lab so that girls are using the best technology available.

If local organizations, are interested in partnering with Girls Inc of Pinellas to be a part of the Fall programming, they may reach out directly or visit the website at [www.girlsinc-pinellas.org](http://www.girlsinc-pinellas.org)

*Girls Inc. of Pinellas’s programming - in partnership with local schools and organizations - focuses on the development of the whole girl. A combination of long-lasting mentoring relationships, a pro-girl environment, and research-based programming equips girls to lead fulfilling and productive lives, break the cycle of poverty, and become role models in their community. Serving the community since 1961, Girls Inc is now offering summer camp scholarships to girls of low income and military families.*

*Girls Inc National in partnership with schools and at Girls Inc. centers informed by girls and their families, we advocate for legislation and policies to increase opportunities and rights for all girls since 1864.*

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