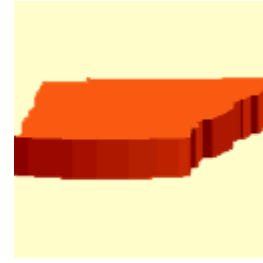




Girls, Inc



History

Girls, Inc. is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Its roots date back to New England in 1864 during the Industrial Revolution as a response to the needs of a new working class: young women who had migrated from rural communities in search of newly available job opportunities in textile mills and factories. Girls, Inc. has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, particularly those in high-risk, underdeveloped areas. Today, innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives.

Programs

Girls, Inc. develops research-based informal education programs that encourage girls to take risks and master physical, intellectual, and emotional challenges. Major programs address math and science education, pregnancy and drug abuse prevention, media literacy, economic literacy, adolescent health, violence prevention, and sports participation.

Funding

Girls, inc. is a nonprofit organization that receives 77% of its revenue from public support---corporations, foundations, government grants, and individuals. The remainder comes from affiliate dues, fees, interest and dividends. More than 75% of the organization's functional expenses go directly to support program services for girls.

Membership

Girls, Inc. programming can be offered anywhere girls are found, including Girls, Inc. centers, schools, churches, community centers, and housing projects. The majority of Girls, Inc. centers are located in low-income areas and provide a weekly average of 30 hours of after-school, weekend, and summer activities. The Girls, Inc. center in Johnson City is located at 227 Library Lane. Phone 423.928.4251. The Executive Director is Beth Hilton.

Gray UMC Involvement

Gray UMC serves as host for a Girls, Inc. after-school program.