



of Greater Santa Barbara

Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara Announces Appointment of Three Directors to Board

Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara (GIGSB) today announced the appointment of three distinguished professionals to its Board of Directors: Jill Agonias, Real Estate Agent in Santa Barbara and Founder of Sol Seek Yoga; Stuart Birdt, Managing Director and Wealth Advisor at Cresset; and Helene Keech, Head of Old Navy Communications.

These individuals bring extensive experience, expertise, and a strong commitment to empowering young girls and women in our community. Their appointment comes as GIGSB embarks on a period of strategic expansion, focused on advancing community initiatives to help girls reach their full potential. With a focus on equity, innovation, and community engagement, GIGSB aims to broaden its reach and impact across Santa Barbara County. The Board's enhanced leadership will play a key role in driving initiatives that address the unique challenges faced by girls today, from navigating gender inequities to overcoming economic and social barriers.

"We are delighted to welcome this talented group to our Board of Directors," said Cydney Justman, Executive Director. "Their collective expertise and commitment to our mission will undoubtedly strengthen our positive impact for the girls and community we serve."

Every new board member offers a distinct set of skills and viewpoints. These leaders have shown a strong dedication to community service and possess a profound grasp of the issues and possibilities that girls encounter today.

"I am deeply honored to join the Girls Inc. of Santa Barbara Board of Directors. I look forward to contributing to initiatives that leverage my experience in marketing, communications, event management, and business development, as well as my profound passion for nurturing talent, particularly among girls," said Helene Keech.

Paul Portney, Chair of the Board of Directors, said, "with these new excellent additions, Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara is poised to further our mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Now strengthened by these new appointments, the Board of Directors, will continue to champion initiatives that empower the next generation of female leaders."

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Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Through innovative programs, community outreach, and mentorship, Girls Inc. provides girls the tools they need to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers, excel academically, develop confidence, and become leaders in their communities. For more information about Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara and its programs, please visit girlsincsb.org.

*We hold the vision of empowered girls in an equitable society.
Our mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.*