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ANDREA DELGADO OF CARPINTERIA RECOGNIZED BY STARBUCKS AS PART OF OPRAH CHAI TEA SPOTLIGHT

Harvard student and former Girls Inc. of Carpinteria member's inspiring story featured in Starbucks's spotlight on Teavana Oprah Chai Tea partnership

CARPINTERIA – October 9, 2014 — Andrea Delgado of Carpinteria, currently a sophomore at Harvard University, was featured by global coffee company Starbucks in an [online feature](#) about its partnership with Teavana Oprah Chai Tea.

Created in partnership with Montecito resident, actress and former talk-show host Oprah Winfrey to support educational opportunities for young people, Teavana Oprah Chai Tea proceeds sold in Starbucks stores help support programs for youth through several nonprofit organizations: Girls Inc., National CARES Mentoring Movement, Pathways to College and U.S. Dream Academy.

Andrea's story was selected by the company through her nearly 15-year involvement with Girls Inc.

At the age of five, Andrea became a member of [Girls Inc. of Carpinteria](#), which provided her and her sisters with opportunities to participate in a range of activities in science, sports, theater and college preparation classes. Andrea's family was struggling financially and at one point moved in with family members.

"Girls Inc. helped me in so many ways," Andrea said. "I developed self-confidence and Girls Inc. provided me with a safe, positive environment so I could focus on school instead of everything going on at home."

In her interview with Starbucks, Andrea credits Girls Inc. of Carpinteria as the place where she discovered her passion for science, and praises the organization for providing her with the academic foundation she needed to excel in her high school advanced science and math courses.



Former Girls Inc. member Andrea Delgado is currently a sophomore at Harvard University studying to become a doctor.

Now 19 years old, Andrea is studying to become a pediatric doctor at Harvard University. She is also involved in Harvard's [Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Program](#) which encourages minority students to consider applying to Harvard.

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria currently serves more than 700 girls ages 5-18 each year through a variety of programs, motivating them to take risks and master physical, intellectual and emotional challenges.

Andrea's sisters, Anna and Monica, are both still involved with Girls Inc. of Carpinteria. This past summer, Andrea met with nearly 700 local students to share more about her experience studying at Harvard.

For more information about Girls Inc. of Carpinteria please visit www.girlsinc-carp.org.

About Girls Inc. of Carpinteria

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria is a member of Girls Incorporated®, a nonprofit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. With local roots dating to 1864 and national status since 1945, Girls Inc. has responded to the changing needs of girls through research-based programs and public education efforts that empower girls to understand, value, and assert their rights. We provide programs for girls 5 to 18 years old that focus on science, math, and technology; health and sexuality; economic and financial literacy; sports skills; leadership and advocacy; and media literacy. To learn more, become a volunteer or offer support, please visit www.girlsinc-carp.org/.

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