

# CARPINTERIA Coastal View News

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From left are Erika Lopez, Victoria Juarez, Gloria Flores, Stephanie Herrington and Bob Kingston.

## Morning Rotary educated on Girls Inc. literacy program

Gloria Flores, Erkia Lopez and Victoria Juarez of Girls Inc. of Carpinteria visited the Carpinteria Morning Rotary Club to share and celebrate the launch of the Literacy Program as part of the nonprofit's after-school enrichment curriculum. The Literacy Program currently serves 68 girls after school for one hour per week to encourage and motivate them to engage in reading. At Aliso School, 12 kindergarteners are also participating in the Literacy Program two hours per week after school.

Two years ago Girls Inc. identified literacy comprehension as an issue in the community and piloted a program that tailored a support plan for six girls. Seeing improvement, Girls Inc. developed of a larger program to support the needs of the Carpinteria girls. Grant funding covers \$50,000 of costs over three years, but the staff-intensive program costs \$60,000 each year. Girls Inc. is seeking donations and after-school volunteers to continue to offer the free service. For more information, visit [girlsinc-carp.org](http://girlsinc-carp.org).