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### Girls Inc. to honor Betty Brown at Evening in Bloom

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria will host An Evening in Bloom, its largest annual fundraiser—an elegant evening of dinner, dancing and beautiful orchids, on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at Westerlay Orchids. The annual affair features a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres hour, red carpet photo reception, dinner buffet, hosted bar, live and silent auctions, and dancing to live entertainment in an orchid-filled greenhouse.

This year's gala will honor Betty Brown, a dedicated Girls Inc. advocate, for her commitment to advancing girls and young women. "Betty is a true believer in Girls Inc.'s mission to cultivate confident, independent girls," said Stefanie Herrington, Girls Inc. of Carpinteria board president. "She was a critical force in raising funds for the new campus which greatly expanded Girls Inc.'s reach in the community and we are proud to pay tribute to her exemplary service at An Evening in Bloom."

An Evening in Bloom co-chairs are Stefanie Herrington and Donna Baird, and honorary chairs are Victor and Susan Schaff. Featured speaker Sylvia Martinez, a Girls Inc. of Carpinteria alumna and National Scholar, will share her personal story of how the organization shaped her life and career. Martinez currently serves as the program director for Girls Inc. of Greater Los Angeles, where she says she applies her passion for inspiring and empowering girls to help propel them forward, the way Girls Inc. did for her.

Tickets to An Evening in Bloom are \$125 and all proceeds support Girls Inc. of Carpinteria's programs to inspire girls to be strong, smart and bold. For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, visit [girlsinc-carp.org](http://girlsinc-carp.org) or call 684-6364.



**Betty Brown will be honored for her many years of support for local girls.**