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Girls Inc. of Carpinteria to Honor Women of Inspiration at Annual Luncheon

Local entrepreneur and Girls Inc. of Carpinteria alumna Jessica Clark to serve as keynote speaker

CARPINTERIA, CA (March 26, 2019) – **Girls Inc. of Carpinteria** will host its annual “Women of Inspiration” luncheon on Monday, April 8 at 11:30am-1:30pm, featuring local entrepreneur **Jessica Clark** as the keynote speaker.

Clark is co-owner of Corktree Cellars and Peebee & Jay’s in Carpinteria with her husband Kevin, and partner in Rincon Brewery and Peebee & Jay’s Port Hueneme. An active member of the community, Clark supports a wide variety of local causes including Girls Inc. of Carpinteria, Hugs for Cubs and the Carpinteria Education Foundation. She is also president of the Early Learning Center Parent Organization and the founder of Club Kind, a group that facilitates acts of kindness for members in the community.

“I am so humbled and honored to be speaking at this year’s Women of Inspiration luncheon,” said Clark. “This is by far one of my very favorite events that I attend every year. I’m continuously in awe of the enormously positive affect Girls Inc. has on the young girls in our community and am a huge supporter of their mission.”

Born and raised in Carpinteria, Clark attended Girls Inc. of Carpinteria – then known as the Girls Club – along with her sister Jamie Persoon. She is the recipient of the Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce 2010 Small Business of the Year award and Girls Inc.’s 2008 Women of Inspiration award.

“From her professional achievements to her commitment to giving back, Jessica is a shining example of strong, smart and bold and we are excited to bring her back to the Women of Inspiration stage – this time as our keynote speaker – to share her experience and successes as a product of Girls Inc.,” said Girls Inc. of Carpinteria Interim Executive Director **Lisa Murphy Rivas**. “This year’s event features an incredible lineup of standout women and girls, each of whom embody our mission to help girls reach their full potential and thrive. We look forward to yet another empowering event with the community in support of our programs.”

The luncheon will recognize three honorees with deep roots in community involvement and service, who have proven to be outstanding role models for young women, with the Women of Inspiration award: **Maeve Juarez**, a wildland fire specialist at the Montecito Fire Department who recently named of the 2018 Women Of The Year by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson; **Gail Persoon**, a community volunteer and dedicated Girls Inc. supporter and board member; and **Emilie Neumann** and the **Weingart Foundation**, a supporter of Girls Inc.’s Eureka Program.

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria members **Laura F.** (16), **Alitza G.** (16) and **Monica D.** (14) will emcee the event and present the awards to this year’s honorees.

The fundraiser event is co-chaired by **Dawn Howard** and **Jacquelyn Pawela-Crew**.

Women of Inspiration will take place on Monday, April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Girls Inc. campus, 5315 Foothill Road in Carpinteria. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds will support Girls Inc. of

Carpinteria's mission to inspire girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

For more information about Women of Inspiration, or to purchase tickets to the luncheon, please call (805) 684-6364 or visit girlsinc-carp.org.

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 6 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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