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### **“An Evening in Bloom” Gala to Honor Girls Inc. of Carpinteria Supporter Ann Garcelon**

**CARPINTERIA, CA (September 3, 2019)** – **Girls Inc. of Carpinteria** will host “An Evening in Bloom” on Saturday, September 21 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at the Girls Inc. campus, 5315 Foothill Road in Carpinteria.

This year’s Polynesian-themed gala will honor the late **Ann Garcelon** for investing in the future of local girls through Girls Inc.’s Legacy Society.

A successful journalist, Garcelon was invited to a Girls Inc. luncheon several years ago and was moved by the young women and girls who spoke passionately about their experience with the organization. While her health made it difficult for her to volunteer or become more involved with the nonprofit, she found another way to make a difference and leave a lasting impact.

Garcelon passed away on June 5, 2018 and left a generous bequest from her estate to Girls Inc. of Carpinteria.

“We are grateful to Ann for her dedication to supporting local girls in the Carpinteria Valley and Ventura County, ensuring that they have the skills and confidence to reach their greatest potential,” said **Jamie Collins**, executive director of Girls Inc. Carpinteria. “While last year’s gala celebrated 25 years of providing lifechanging programming at our Foothill campus, this year we invite the community to join us as we look ahead to the future, and raise funds to benefit strong, smart and bold girls of tomorrow.”

An Evening in Bloom will feature a cocktail and hors d’oeuvres hour, plated dinner catered by Food Liaison, hosted bar, silent and live auctions, entertainment and dancing.

This year’s event co-chairs are **Stefanie Herrington** and **Ed Van Wingerden**.

Tickets are \$125 and all proceeds support Girls Inc. of Carpinteria’s programs and services for local girls. **For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please call (805) 684-6364 or visit [www.girlsinc-carp.org](http://www.girlsinc-carp.org).**

An Evening in Bloom 2019 title sponsors include: Mike Palmer, CARP Growers, Ever-Bloom and Kaisa & Barry Brand.

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