MEMO

TO: Girls Inc. Girls, Parents, & Families
DATE: April 24, 2020
RE: Summer 2020 Programs

First of all, everyone at Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD) hopes that you and your families are safe and healthy during these challenging times. We are reaching out today to provide updates regarding summer program dates, program fees, and available resources. As COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly changing situation for our communities, it’s hard to predict how it will evolve in the coming weeks and months. However, we are committed to providing you with regular updates and answering any questions that you have.

**Summer 2020 Program Dates**
In order to ensure that GIMD delivers the highest quality experience to girls, we have decided to delay the start of summer programs based on the schedule below. This delay will provide our team with additional time to address and finalize: delivery approach, program schedule, staffing and volunteer plans, and operational and cleaning procedures. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of girls, families, staff and volunteers and operating within local, state, and federal guidelines.

**Summer 2020 REVISED Program Dates:**
- Elementary School Program: June 15 – August 6 (7 weeks)
- Middle School Program: June 15 – July 30 (6 weeks)
- Eureka! STEM Program: July 6 – 30 (4 weeks)
- High/School Program: Varies by activity (no earlier than June 15)

We are developing summer contingency plans that range from in-person, on-site programs to virtual programming and everything in between. Decisions about the format and schedule of June programming will be made by Friday, May 22. These decisions will be based on social distancing recommendations/requirements, information from the Centers for Disease Control and the City of Denver, and GIMD’s ability to ensure the highest safety standards.

**Summer Program Fees**
In partnership with GIMD’s Board of Directors, we have decided to eliminate all program fees for summer 2020. Summer fees that were paid during registration or at any other time will be refunded to parents/families. Refunds will be processed in the next two weeks.

GIMD is committed to delivering summer programs and does not want any barrier to participation. Additionally, we also understand that many families have experienced job or income loss, as well as a variety of other stressors, and we are in solidarity with you.

**Virtual Spring Programming**
A variety of GIMD virtual programs are available to girls this spring. To be added to distribution lists and receive weekly schedules and link, please contact the appropriate Program Manager:

- Elementary School (grades 1 – 5): Destinee Perkins, dperkins@gidenver.org
- Middle School (grades 6-8): Angel Shabazz, ashabazz@gidenver.org
- High School/College (grades 9 – college): Sarah McGill, smcgill@gidenver.org
Available Resources
Grab & Go Dinners: GIMD is providing FREE grab & go dinners for children and youth 18 and under Monday – Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm from our main facility at 1499 Julian Street. Meals are distributed on a first-come basis through the end of May.

Emergency Supplies: GIMD has stocked an emergency supply bank with shelf-stable food, water, diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, and household items. Supplies are distributed Monday – Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm from our main facility at 1499 Julian Street.

Technology: GIMD has a limited supply of Chromebooks and laptops available for Girls Inc. Girls to checkout to support virtual learning and program engagement.

GIMD Parent/Family Survey
GIMD will be conducting a survey of parents and families regarding summer programs, technology access, and other needs the week of May 4-8. The data collected will help us to finalize summer plans and be responsive to community needs. Thank you ahead of time for your timely and candidate responses!

GIMD Contact Information
Please feel free to contact the following GIMD staff members with questions, concerns, or feedback:

- **Emergency Supplies, Meal Distribution, & Technology Needs**: Charleen Ramirez-Mares, Director of Programs, cramirez-mares@gidenver.org
- **Program Fees/Refunds**: Melina Bixler, Director of Training, Evaluation, & Advocacy, mbixler@gidenver.org
- **General Questions or Feedback**: Sonya Ulibarri, President & CEO, sulibarri@gidenver.org