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girls for a change news

2004 Program evaluation results are in and fantastic! The GFC program was evaluated via a series of pre and post tests distributed to Girl Action Teams from April to August 2004. Highlights include:

*95 percent of girls reported meeting positive adult role models in Girls For A Change (mostly their coaches) and 94 percent felt like they could make a change in their community.

*Coaches reported feeling "more optimistic about our future," and that the GFC program has made them "more goal-oriented and focused." The GFC experience even inspired one coach to pursue a new career in high school education!

Evaluations are underway for the 2005 program year with final results available in Summer 2005.

note from

Niko and Whitney

Greetings! As we begin to see the first signs of a beautiful spring after a rather wet winter, all things are beginning to seem possible once again. That feeling of infinite possibility that comes over all of us every once in a rare while is such a gift. In the day to day, it is easy to lose sight that everything is indeed possible. We both feel very lucky to be able to be part of creating an organization that experiences that wave of possibility on a daily basis.

Spring Into Action 2005



Girl Action Teams from all over the Bay Area will be coming together on Saturday, March 19, 2005 to experience the power of social change!

25 Girl Action Teams will participate in leadership workshops to enhance their social change projects. Workshops include public speaking, fundraising, networking and bringing politics into social change projects! For directions and more information, please

visit [GFC's website](#) or contact Patty Torres, Program Assistant at patricia@girlsforachange.org.

Girls For A Change would like to thank Synopsys, Inc. for two consecutive years of generously donating event space!

You are cordially invited to a GFC House Party



Whether you have known us for years or are just getting to know us, this is a fantastic networking event and great opportunity to get to hear the latest GFC news.

We will have light appetizers and wine provided by our gracious host, Diane Krakora and an exciting short program. *The Girls For A Change House Party will be held at Diane Krakora's Home:*

324 Emerson Street Palo Alto, CA 94301

Leave your checkbooks at home and join us! March 30, 2005 6:00-8:00pm

RSVP to Hientran@girlsforachange.org or call 650- 752-5148. **Space limited so RSVP early.**

[gfc donor profile](#)



Judy Kramer, 1st Individual Donor to GFC

Just a few short years ago, Girls For A Change was approached for the first time by an individual interested in contributing to the magic of GFC. Four years later, we have grown our individual donor base ten-fold, yet still remain close to our first donor. This year, we were thrilled to receive the fourth check over four years, from Judy, and wanted to share the exhilarating moment with

you all:

When I checked the mail, I saw a check from Judy with a great note of

In the actions of both the girls and women who make up GFC, we see things happen almost every day that seem to be impossible at the start but that always end up successfully completed. A few years ago we would look at each other with full hearts and broad grins and share a moment without talking about the magic we were feeling. I think we might have been afraid it would disappear. Then after the first two years and no sign of the magic dissipating, we have learned to celebrate it. Lately with all of the amazing Girl Action Teams, our wonderful donors, and the work on expanding GFC to another site in the US, we have begun to feel like we might be in touch with the Amazing Possibility Generating Entity. (Whoever she may be)

Come be apart of the possibility! Mark the important date for your calendar: November 3, 2005 - The 3rd annual Girls Summit. Can you believe this is going to be the 3rd year?! We are going to need more volunteers than we ever have needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer and join in on the possibility please email one of us and we will get you on the list for the October volunteer trainings!

With gratitude & love to our fellow possibility believers, Niko & Whitney: Girls For A Change Co-Change Agents!

p.s. Watch for the June e-newsletter with all the details about where GFC's first expansion site will be!

what's hot

***Congratulations to Girl Action Team #22 from Evergreen High School, South San Jose!** They have been selected to receive the 2005 Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award from Youth Service America. Girl Action Team 22 is creating an anti-smoking campaign for teens!

***Girl Action Team 47 has been honored by GMC for Women's History Month!**

Regular public service announcements on NBC 11 congratulate these girls for their social change project to prevent youth from joining gangs in their East San Jose neighborhoods.

***Whitney Smith** was featured as a powerful Bay Area leader in the San Jose Mercury News on Sunday, January 2 2005, Style section.

***GFC would like to thank some of our most recent supporters.** In our world today young people are rarely celebrated for their incredible brilliance and potential. Your generous support of our work will help us to fulfill our vision of empowering

support. I was filled with such gratitude; it was as if the challenging week just disappeared. I felt re-invigorated. We at GFC have amazing individual donors and Judy led the way for this! Each time we get a check in the mail from an individual donor, each time we open that envelope, it is not just the valuable monetary support that is encouraging, it is also the affirmation that people are cheering us on to empower young women. It is the reminder that there are many individual donors, a community, who believe in the mission of GFC and the power of young women to change the world. Thank you Judy from the bottom of my heart for being our partner in Girls For A Change. ~Whitney Smith, February 2005

GFC would like to Judy Kramer and all ensuing donors who have contributed through their time, money and energy to empower girls to create social change in their communities. Each and everyone one of you makes a difference. Thank you.

girl action team highlight - team 22



Team 22, Evergreen Valley High School, South San Jose

Girl Action Team 22 was featured in the November 2004 edition of Moxie as they had just completed the brainstorming phase of their anti-smoking campaign entitled SCUPINO. Since then, girl action team 22 has secured grants from GFC and Youth Service America and is in the final stages of image design and placement.

They have networked with design and marketing consultants, including New Girls Network Project Consultant, Shirley Horn. SCUPINO is now ready to take off and reduce the "cool" factor of smoking and to make sure young people realize the consequences and dangers of smoking before they actually start. Beginning in April 2005, SCUPINO images, with the slogan "Don't Give In" will be placed on billboards, buses, mail kiosks and everywhere teens hang out to warn prospective teen smokers about the health issues associated with smoking in a way that is informative and makes an impact.

gfc has a new operations assistant



Please join us in welcoming **Hien Tran** as the Operations Assistant for Girls For A Change. Hien recently graduated from San Jose State University with a focus in International Business. She also attended Universite de Savoie in France, where she studied intensive French.

While studying at SJSU, Hien affiliated herself with AIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales), an international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential so as to have a positive impact on society.

She also worked with GSN (Global Student Network), an organization that is composed of students interested in all aspects of studying abroad. Her passion for non-profits stemmed from volunteering at Catholic Charities where she provided advising on personal finance and job search strategies for Vietnamese clients. At International Rescue Committee, she also implemented a business plan for effectively providing financial assistance (such as the Independent Development Account Program) for low-income Vietnamese families in the bay area. Hien also worked at International Business Incubator for the Market Research Lab. There she helped assist international firms to expand into the Silicon Valley through consulting services and business development acceleration.

Hien has also dedicated over four years at Referral Realty where she managed copywriting for publications, as well as administrative functions. We are thrilled and honored to have Hien on board!

girls to create social change in their communities. Thank you **Cisco**, **Intel** and **Wells Fargo**.

***The Annual Human Race of Silicon Valley is happening Saturday, May 7! Run or walk to raise money for your favorite nonprofit or school program! For more information [click here](#).**

wish list:

Digital camera, digital video camera, new laser printer with network capability.

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social change update



Girls For A Change girls are tackling problems and creating social change in their communities. Girls For A Change staff supports these social change agents and is also spreading the word on social change throughout the Bay Area!

Carrie Ellett, Director of Program and Recruitment, recently designed and delivered workshops on social change for 55 girls at [The Annual Young Women's Health Conference \(YWHC\)](#) which is co-sponsored by the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and California State Senator Jackie Speier.

Carrie also delivered social change workshops to 50 girls at [Girls Day](#), a day of empowerment and workshops for girls hosted by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children, Notre Dame de Namur University and California State Senator Jackie Speier.

Niko Clifford, Co-CEO of GFC, will also be sharing her experience and insight into the process of social change as a key note speaker at the COOL Idealist National Conference. This is the largest convening in the country of campus community members involved in service, activism, politics, and socially responsible work. For 21 years, this conference has brought together student leaders and activists, campus administrators, and community members. For more information [click here](#).

Girls For A Change is honored to share our insight and experience of the social change process with our community. From GFC girls to GFC staff, we are proud to be innovative social change agents and thank each and every one of you for your support as we change the world!

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