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ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$10,000 TO GIRLS, INC.

WATERSOUND, Fla. (June 9, 2015) -- The St Joe Community Foundation (Foundation) funded a \$10,000 grant to Girls, Inc. to sponsor its multipurpose room upgrade. This grant helps make the main area of play more conducive to playing basketball, making crafts or performing in a play on stage.

“As a community partner with Girls, Inc. the Foundation is honored to assist with improvements to their building,” said Janet Greeno, Executive Director for the Foundation. “Providing this grant supports the education and healthcare of the girls who attend after school, during school breaks and over the summer months.”

Girls Inc. of Bay County inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, providing more than 400 girls a year with life-changing experiences and real solutions to the unique issues girls face. Girls Inc. provides a holistic, in-depth approach that combines mentorship, programming, and a positive space.

“Thanks to the support of the St. Joe Community Foundation, we have been able to transform our multipurpose room into a more functional gymnasium. This will allow us to offer greater sports and recreation activities as well as give us the appropriate space to add valuable health and fitness activities to support our Mind+BodySM program. Mind+BodySM focuses on fortifying girls’ ability to develop and sustain strong minds and strong bodies through nutrition, physical

activity, stress management, and body image,” said Niki Kelly, Executive Director of Girls Inc.

“This beautifully rejuvenated space will help to ensure that with Girls Inc. in her corner, every girl can be healthy, educated, and independent.”

About The St. Joe Community Foundation

Since its inception, The St. Joe Community Foundation (Foundation) has provided more than \$18 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. The Foundation provides charitable grants primarily in Bay and Walton Counties that embrace the arts, strengthen education, protect the environment and improve healthcare. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit www.Joefoundation.com.

About Girls Inc. of Bay County

The Girls Inc. mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Girls Inc. gives girls the right tools and support to succeed, including trained professionals who mentor and guide them in a safe, girls-only environment, peers who share their drive and aspirations, and research-based programming. At Girls Inc., girls learn to set and achieve goals, boldly confront challenges, resist peer pressure, see college as attainable, and explore nontraditional fields such as STEM. With Girls Inc. in her corner, every girl can be healthy, educated, and independent. For more information visit, www.girlsincofbaycounty.org.

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