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Cover Photo: A 2021 Just for Girls Middle graduate receives her promotion certificate from JFG Middle Principal, Dee Ralph.



Together, We're Helping Girls Achieve Their Full Potential!



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary

When I think of our girls, I am immediately moved by their courage. Derived from the French 'cœur' and the Latin 'cor', at the heart of courage is... well, *the heart*.

Over time, the definition has become associated with acts of daring heroism and bold bravery. But, I have learned that courage is often quiet and surprisingly common. It requires vulnerability, strength, and the commitment to affect change, regardless of any misgivings.

The strength and commitment of our community enabled *Just for Girls* to prioritize health and safety in 2021 with improved facilities and protocols, and expanded programming and supports for healthy mental, emotional, and social development. These supports helped our girls achieve both academic and personal success despite the challenges they encountered.

Their resilience is our most remarkable result.

Florida is currently ranked 48th in the nation for quality of care for children and 49th for access to care for women, indicating that we still desperately need everyday heroes who are committed to affecting transformational change in our communities.

As *Just for Girls* celebrates waves of success and anticipated growth in 2022, I am grateful for the introverted student who speaks up or gives comfort when a classmate is taunted or hurt, the teacher who shows up eager to share every day despite the unanticipated obstacles, and the community leader who advocates for access, equity, and inclusion. These quiet, ordinary acts of courage move us in the direction of becoming our best selves and keep us connected where it matters most - the heart.

~Becky



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Organizational Overview

1

Mission

To provide the framework within which girls can aspire to more successful lifestyles, to seek a better education, to secure equitable employment, and to become responsible and caring members of our society.

2

Alternative Education Programs

JFG Elementary (K-5th Grade) and *JFG Middle* (6th-8th Grade) combine positive behavior support, prevention education, and academic rigor that nurtures resilience, accelerates learning, recovers academic loss, and develops successful habits for long-term achievement.

3

Leadership & Learning Center Locations

Conveniently located in West Bradenton, Palmetto, and East Bradenton, all three JFG Leadership and Learning Centers are open year-round Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm.

JFG West

3809 59th St. W
Bradenton, FL 34209
941-792-2137

JFG North

1500 10th St. W
Palmetto, FL 34221
941-722-8988

JFG East

1011 21st St. E
Bradenton, FL 34208
941-747-3337

(941)747-5757 JustForGirls.org

Our Vision

Our vision is a community where today's young girls can grow up safe, capable, healthy, and smart, having developed their character, courage, confidence, and compassion. Reaching one girl at a time, we will help girls achieve their full potential, break the generational cycle of poverty, and strengthen our neighborhoods and communities.

Our Goals

- ◆ To help girls develop knowledge, skills, and behaviors that will enable them to successfully pursue educational achievement.
- ◆ To reach girls when they are forming their habits, values and attitudes.
- ◆ To promote opportunity for females in the classroom, the workplace, and in life.
- ◆ To help girls build confidence and strength.
- ◆ To reduce high-risk behaviors by promoting healthy choices, proper decision-making skills, and positive attitudes.
- ◆ To assist students in finding the courage and determination to redirect their lives - to change, redefine, and become who they want to be.

Program Results

Before/After School

100% Achieved!

Girls attending BSP/ASP programs developed and improved foundational reading skills and competencies.

100% Achieved!

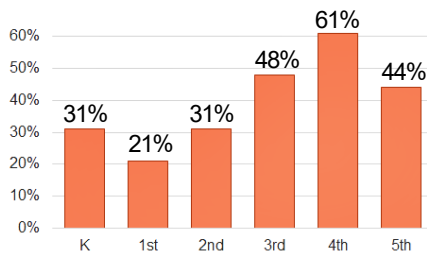
Girls attending ASP/BSP programs consistently met or exceeded their daily positive behavior goals.

Although classroom instruction and assessments were disrupted by COVID-related school schedules and modified learning plans, all JFG girls showed remarkable growth in academic subjects and achieved their goals for behavior and character development.

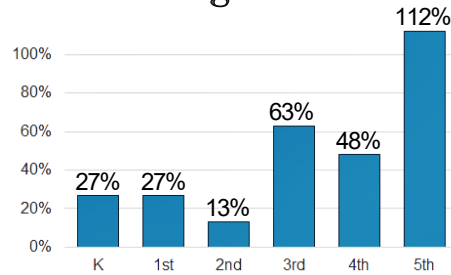
JFG Elementary

Of the K-5th grade girls completing the iReady diagnostics, 78% increased their math scores, and 73% increased their reading scores.

Math Growth



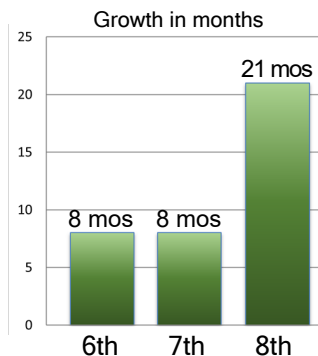
Reading Growth



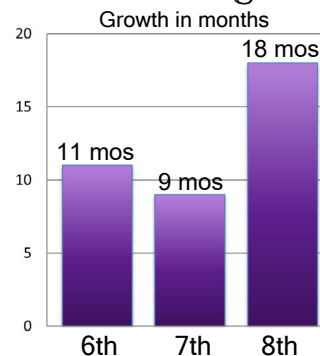
JFG Middle

Of the 6th-8th grade girls completing the STAR assessments, 91% increased their math scores, and 72% increased their reading scores.

Math



Reading



Community Impact

Summer Reading Challenge

An Initiative of



Funded By
The Patterson
Foundation



Over the 2021 summer break, JFG girls read a total of 1301 books!

65 JFG girls read more than 6 books in 8 weeks.

54 JFG girls read *every day* of summer break.

JFG Scholarships

At an average cost of \$60 per week, or \$3,000 per year, JFG remains one of the most affordable options for year-round programming in Manatee County. Annual scholarships are extended to families demonstrating economic hardship or experiencing crisis to ensure that every girl has the opportunity to achieve her full potential, regardless of her background or current circumstances.

123 Scholarships

In 2021, **123** girls in need received scholarships to attend JFG programs.

Enrollment in before and after school programs increased 14% from 2020, and **41** scholarships remained on the waiting list at the end of the year.



9,689

Rides provided by JFG's 3 Leadership and Learning Centers to/from more than 20 Manatee County schools.

For every **\$1** invested in JFG prevention programs, taxpayers **\$7-\$10** in reduced costs for welfare, incarceration, and unemployment.

Before & After School Programs

Just for Girls' before school, after school, and out-of-school hours begin at 6:30 am and end at 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

JFG's programs offer a full complement of academic tutoring, positive behavior support, and character development curriculum that helps girls grow, adapt, and thrive in any environment.

Enrollment includes healthy breakfast and snacks through the National School Lunch Program, and transportation provided by JFG to and from local schools in the Manatee County School District.

JFG offers these programs and services for \$12 per girl per day, and is able to extend sliding scale fees, multi-child discounts, and full scholarships to eligible families in need.

Full-Day & Summer Programs

Just for Girls' continuous, year-round programs include full-day care and education during teacher-in-service days, Spring break, Winter break, and Summer vacation.

Educational enrichment and summer reading programs ensure that girls develop a strong academic foundation to promote high achievement in the classroom and continued learning outside of the classroom.

Scholastic Saturdays

Scholastic Saturdays are offered on select Saturdays throughout the school year (excluding holidays and in-service weekends) from 10am-1pm at *JFG East*. These workshops and learning sessions are customized according to student needs and prioritize grade level reading and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Scholastic Saturdays are open to any school-age girl, and are designed to make learning fun and engaging!

Enrichment Programs

Support for behavior redirection includes enrichment initiatives and activities that reinforce the benefits of personal integrity and accountability. Girls consistently demonstrating positive behavior in 5 targeted domains are eligible for academic and extracurricular incentives, leadership responsibilities, and advocacy opportunities.

Experiential & Service Learning

JFG's Therapeutic Disciplines (Visual Arts, Dance, and Music) work collaboratively with character development curriculum to promote goal-setting, consistent practice, creative expression, and positive learning experiences. Reading Buddies, Project Impact, and other service-learning initiatives empower girls through leadership and service to community service groups and local businesses.

Alternative Education Programs

JFG Elementary (K-5th) and JFG Middle (6th-8th) provide smaller class sizes, specialized learning groups, personalized academic attention, and opportunities for accelerated learning and recovery from learning delays and deficits in an environment that inspires, motivates, and fosters success.

JFG Elementary is located at JFG East, and JFG Middle is located at JFG North. Both alternative education programs are free to girls living in Manatee County and operate in cooperation with the FL Department of Education and the Manatee County School District.

A CADEMICS JFG's quality curriculum and differentiated instruction nurtures girls' inquisitive minds and encourages critical thinking skills that become the building blocks of all future education. Emphasis on grade-level reading and English Language Arts helps to accelerate progress, halt "summer slide", and recover learning losses that impact growth in all subjects.

B EHAVIOR Positive behavior expectations promote thoughtful decision-making, purposeful communication, emotional resilience, and peaceful conflict resolution. An inclusive environment and guided group activities provide opportunities for girls to explore autonomy, responsibility, and cooperative skill-building.

C HARACTER Just for Girls' prosocial values and high standards for character help girls build healthy relationships, strong community connections, and skills for successful collaboration and negotiation. As young girls begin to explore complex social systems, JFG leads by example through the consistent demonstration of tolerance, empathy, compassion, leadership and respect.

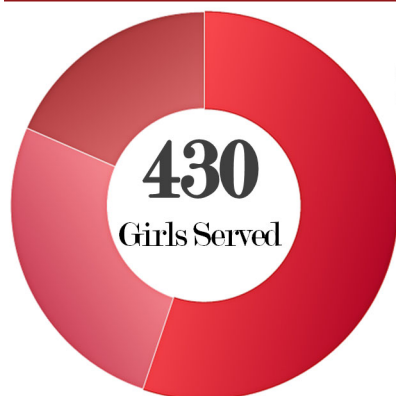
21st Century Community Learning Center Program

JFG East is a designated 21st Century Community Learning Center, providing expanded opportunities for struggling students to achieve challenging academic standards.

Service learning, academic enrichment, substance abuse and violence prevention, and STEAM activities offer active learning and meaningful engagement at no cost to eligible students.



JFG 2021 Demographics



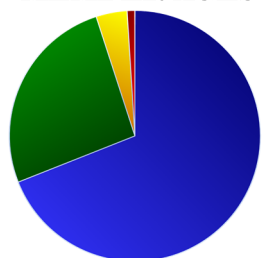
269 Girls enrolled in Before/After School and School Break Programs

97 JFG Elementary Students (K-5th grades)

64 JFG Middle Students (6th-8th grades)

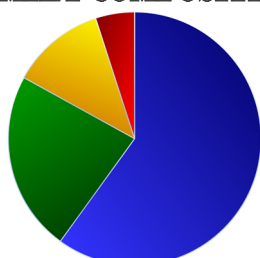
Before & After School Programs

MEMBER AGES



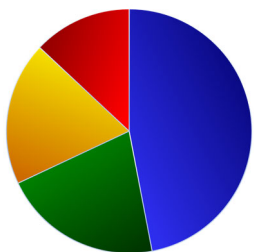
■ 5 - 9 Years 49%
■ 10 - 12 Years 43%
■ 13 - 15 Years 8%
■ 15 - 17 Years < 1%

FAMILY COMPOSITION



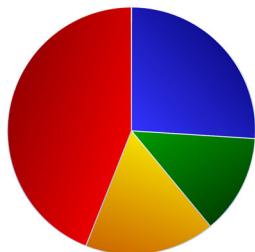
■ Mother Only 58%
■ Two Parents 23%
■ Guardian 13%
■ Father Only 6%

RACE & ETHNICITY



■ Black/African American 48%
■ Multi-Racial or Other 24%
■ Latina or Hispanic 16%
■ White or European 12%

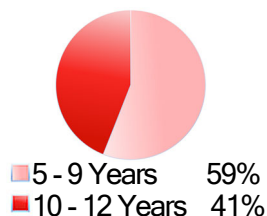
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



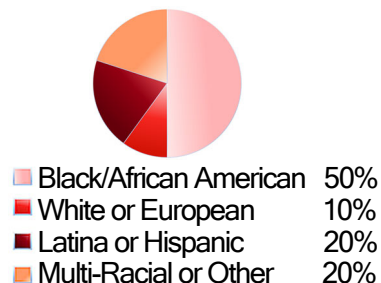
■ Under \$10,000 35%
■ \$10,001 - \$15,000 11%
■ \$15,001 - \$20,000 12%
■ Above \$20,000 42%

JFG Elementary

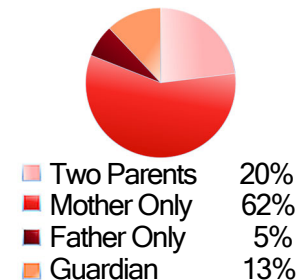
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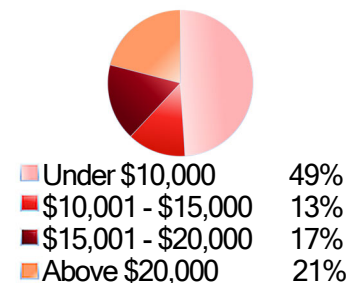
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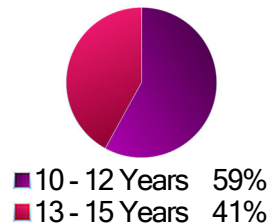


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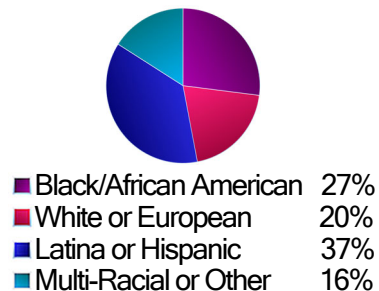


JFG Middle

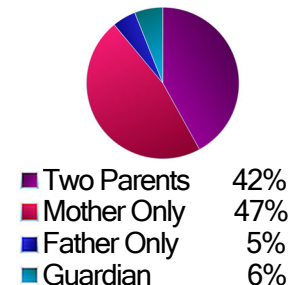
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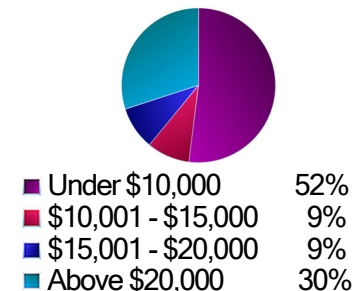
RACE & ETHNICITY



FAMILY COMPOSITION



HOUSEHOLD INCOME



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2021 Nonprofit of the Year Finalist

Manatee County Chamber of Commerce

2018-19 School Recognition Award for Academic Excellence

Florida Department of Education

2015-16 Model Schools Silver Award

Florida's Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Project

2014 Youth and Children's Services Nonprofit of the Year

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Promising Programs and Strategies

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Prevention

Shining Stars - Prevention Programs that Work

U.S. Department of Education's Drug-Free Schools Recognition Program

Top-Ranked Agency: Child Care Services in Manatee County

University of South Florida, Department of Education

Governor's Substance Abuse Best Practices Award

Florida Department of Children and Families and the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association

PREVENTION EDUCATION



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



40 6th-8th grade girls achieved pregnancy prevention goals.

117 K-8th grade girls achieved positive social and behavioral goals.

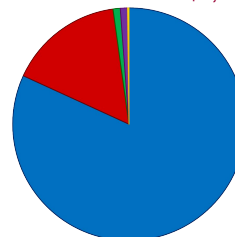
Girls at elevated risk for destructive behaviors consistently demonstrated resistance and resilience skills, goal-setting, and positive behaviors.

92% of K-5th grade girls and 90% of 6th-8th grade girls achieved their daily behavior redirection goals.

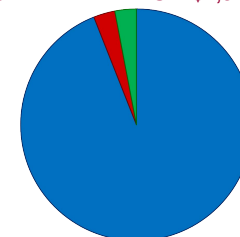
2020 AUDITED REVENUE & EXPENSE

2020 AUDITED REVENUE: \$2,919,375

2020 AUDITED EXPENSE: \$2,527,327



Government Grants	82%
Contributions	16%
Dues and Fees	1%
Special Events, net	1%
Other	<1%



Programs	94%
Administration	3%
Fundraising	3%

2020 AUDITED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

As Of December 31, 2020

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 438,200
Grants receivable	184,346
Contributions receivable	10,000
Other accounts receivable	52,013
Due from the Foundation	74,525
Total Current Assets	759,084

Contributions receivable, long-term

2,168

Other Assets

500

Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation

1,170,330

Interest in the net assets of the Foundation

1,174,203

Investments

78,680

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ **3,184,965**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 10,223
Accrued expenses	163,119
Interest payable	783
<u>Notes payable, current portion</u>	<u>43,338</u>
Total Current Liabilities	217,463

Long-Term Liabilities

<u>Notes Payable, net of current portion</u>	<u>24,113</u>
Total Liabilities	241,567

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	2,666,156
<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>277,233</u>
Total Net Assets	2,943,389

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ **3,184,965**

Our History

In 1967, Ida Stewart and Sarah Tomberlin recognized the need for an after-school program that educated and empowered local at-risk girls. The Manatee County Girls Club, Inc. received its charter in December 1968 and officially opened its doors in Bradenton on January 6, 1969.

The "Girls Club" flourished, and with the assistance of Sara Alice Harlee, opened a Palmetto location in 1971. In 1979, the Bradenton Kiwanis Club generously deeded land on 59th St W, where *JFG West Leadership & Learning Center* still stands over 40 years later. In 1981, the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation funded the remaining mortgage on *JFG West*, and a successful capital campaign led by Dan S. Blalock, Jr., enabled both *JFG East* and *JFG North Leadership and Learning Centers* to relocate to brand-new facilities.

In 1989, the Manatee County Girls Club Foundation, Inc. was formed to ensure that *Just for Girls* programs and services continued in perpetuity.

The name *Just for Girls* was adopted in 1992, and in 1993, the *Just for Girls Alternative Education Program* was established to serve the educational needs of middle school girls unable to succeed in a traditional school setting. In 2009, this program was renamed the *Jane B. Pratt Alternative Education Program Just for Girls* in honor of one of our founding leaders.

JFG Elementary opened as an innovative charter school for K-5th grade girls in August, 2012, and in 2016 the Manatee County School District approved *JFG's* proposed alternative education program, which combines risk prevention, academic intervention, and behavior redirection in an environment that best serves vulnerable young girls and adolescents.

For over 50 years, Just for Girls has met and exceeded the highest standards in child development, prevention education, financial stewardship and accountability. Providing hope for those in need, we are making a positive difference in our community - one girl at a time.

Current and Past Presidents

1968 - 1969	Kathryn Hall	1993	Barbara Ann Held
1970 - 1971	Jane B. Pratt	1994	Angela A. Claxon
1972	Rev. Wheatley	1995 - 1996	William M. Blalock
1973	Sarah Tomberlin	1997	John D. Hawkins
1974	William B. Lee	1998 - 1999	Judy LaMee
1975	Lois M. Taylor	2000 - 2001	Douglas Peebles
1976	Robert J. Boylston	2002 - 2003	Charles F. Elzer III
1977	Sara Nell Baden	2004	Wayne Scroggins
1978	Julie McClure	2005	Cindy Denison
1979 - 1980	Phyllis Weitzenfeld	2006	Paulette A. Gaar
1981	Margaret Barnes	2007 - 2008	Betty Trigueiro
1982 - 1983	Maureen Magnon	2009 - 2010	Dale F. Smoot
1984 - 1985	Shirley Foor	2011 - 2012	Shirley Foor
1986	Patricia Benson	2013 - 2014	Patricia Petruff
1987	Jane Kitching	2015	Leah Stuart
1988 - 1989	Mary Beth Bustle	2016	Christine Hawes
1990	John Quinlan	2017 - 2018	Tim Polk
1991	George LaChapelle	2019	K.J. Vorndran
1992	Patricia Petruff	2020 - 2021	Susan Moseley

LIVING A VISION and LEAVING A LEGACY

Manatee County Girls Club Foundation, Inc.

The Role of the Foundation

The Manatee County Girls Club Foundation, Inc. was created in 1989 to ensure that Just for Girls' programs and services continue in perpetuity. This nonprofit foundation accepts gifts that include life-income arrangements, wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, memorials, year-end contributions or other estate planning arrangements to support the programs and initiatives of the Manatee County Girls Club, Inc., now known as *Just for Girls*.



The Legacy Circle

Join the generous supporters of the Legacy Circle who have contributed to endowment support through a direct contribution, estate planning, a bequest in their will, a gift of life insurance, real estate, or personal property. Planned gifts can often provide significant savings in income, estate, and capital gains taxation.

The Sarah H. Tomberlin Scholarship Society

Honoring one of our founders, the Sarah H. Tomberlin society was created in 2001 to ensure equal access for any girl to the life-changing educational and developmental programs through scholarships to attend Just for Girls.

If you would like to join us in providing educational equity and quality character development programs to promising girls in Manatee County, call *Just for Girls* at **(941)747-5757** or visit our website at **www.JustforGirls.org**

and make a one-time donation, a planned gift, or recurring pledge to build a brighter future for girls and young women.

COMMUNITY INVESTORS

These generous community partners supported JFG programs, initiatives, or scholarships in 2021.
Thank you for investing in our girls and their dreams!



Children's Services Advisory Board



Daniel S. Blalock, Jr. Charitable Trust

Dodt Family Foundation

Thomas and Susan Moseley

EVENT SPONSORS

These generous sponsors supported the "Jess for Girls" Fishing Tournament, which raised enough funds to present 12 girls with full-year scholarships to attend JFG before and after school.



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Nancy and Richard Bancs

Larry and Dana Foerster

JP Designs

Melvin and Betty Sembler