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



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# **Executive Summary**

For 54 years, Just for Girls has provided the framework wherein girls can aspire to more successful lifestyles, seek a better education, secure meaningful and financially equitable employment, and become responsible and caring members of our society. The personal progress by our girls is amazing to witness every year.

We're seeing recovery from trauma, generational cycles of poverty, poor academic experiences, substance abuse, delinquency, and crime. We created new partnerships and experiences so they could envision and aspire toward a future filled with promise and hope. This hope becomes reality when we see our girls grow, thrive, and achieve. Our promise is grounded in the skills we teach and model at Just for Girls: establishing healthy habits, a love of learning, and building strong personal relationships.

There is evidence of consistent achievement of individual behavior goals and academic progress that influence choices, define character, and provide hope for a brighter future for the girls and young women here at Just for Girls. My continued hope for these girls remains unwavering because I've seen what we can do together to save and change their lives.

JFG alumna Viridiana Gonzalez Carachure shared a message of affirmation with us recently as follows:

"Now, as an adult, I can understand how deep those connections at JFG went. Their kindness and support granted me the stability I would have never gotten at home. The connections at JFG during my early years are what inspired the connections I made for the rest of my life. I know that the teachers I had for reading and English at JFG Middle were the reason I am now an English teacher. The love I developed for reading, writing, and students is ultimately the result of the kindness and love I felt at JFG."

"Viridiana Gonzalez Carachure, JFG alumna"

I'm grateful for the continuing generosity of our JFG family. Together, with your help, we're creating a brighter future for girls and young women, our community, and our world.



Patricia Petruff, Esq. PRESIDENT, MANATEE COUNTY GIRLS CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.



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## Organizational Overview

#### 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.

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.

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.

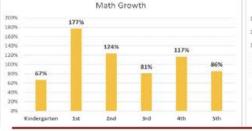
Although classroom instruction and assessments were disrupted by COVID-related school schedules and modified learning plans, all JFG girls showed remarkable growth in academic subjects and achieved their goals for behavior and character development.

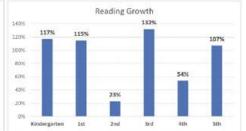
## JFG Elementary

With 50 K-5 girls completing all three 21-22 iReady benchmark assessments, JFG Elementary showed an annual growth of 88% in math and 106% in reading overcoming prior learning losses.

Math Growth



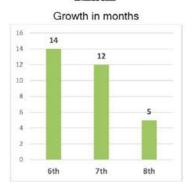




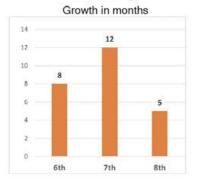
## JFG Middle

Of the 6th-8th grade girls completing the STAR assessments, 77% increased their math scores, and 71% increased their reading scores.

#### Math



#### Reading



## Community Results

### Miss-TECH Summer STEM Initiative



Potential is universal, but opportunities are not. Miss-TECH provides opportunities for girls to smash barriers to success in advanced tech fields by motivating interest and participation in science, technology, and other career industries more commonly pursued by men, and provides mentors and facilitators that are women of color and reflect JFG's client demographics.



In collaboration with SCF Coding Academy, 10 girls participated in the All Girls Manufacturing and Design Summer Camp where they tapped into their creativity through STEAM activities including robotics, coding, movie-making, T-shirt/purse design and entrepreneurship. Participants received drones at the conclusion of camp. ~Funded by: Bank of America

## JFG Scholarships

Scholarships are available to cover costs to attend JFG that average \$60 per week for a total annual cost of \$3000 per year. Scholarships are extended as needed to ensure that any girl has the opportunity to achieve her full potential, regardless of her background, economic status, or current circumstances.



In 2022, 112 girls in need received scholarships to attend JFG programs, and 4 scholarships remained on the waiting list at the end of the year.



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 save



in reduced costs for welfare, incarceration, and unemployment.

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## 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.

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.

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.

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 consistent practice of tolerance, empathy, compassion, leadership and respect.

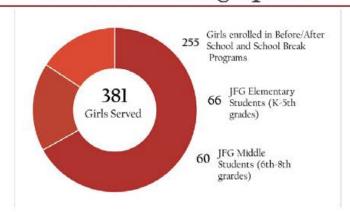
Afterschool KidzLit Program

As a complement to the school day, The After School KidzLit Program is a wealth of strategies and hands-on activities built around and upon compelling, carefully selected books.

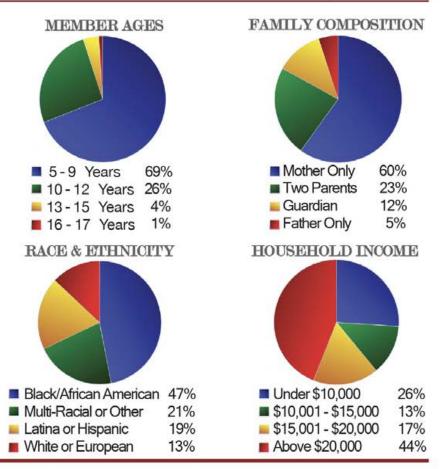
As a means to address the widening achievement gap, KidzLit creates opportunities for girls to increase reading competencies, develop their capacities to think critically and express their ideas and feelings about important issues, increase their understanding of themselves, their peers and others and make better choices related to their own lives.

— Developmental Studies Center

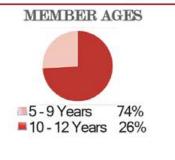
## JFG 2022 Demographics

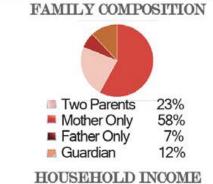


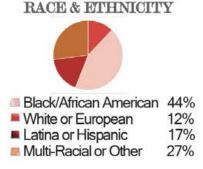
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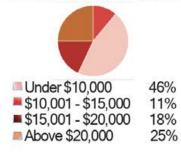


## JFG Elementary

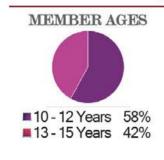


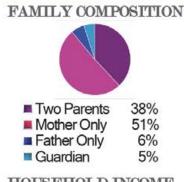


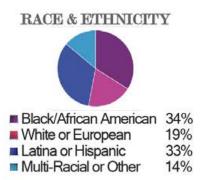




## JFG Middle









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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

School Recognition Award for Academic Excellence

Florida Department of Education 2018-2019

Model Schools Silver Award for 2015-2016

Florida's Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support Project

Youth and Children's Services Nonprofit of the Year 2014

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 Providing 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



"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Girls at risk due to poor social, communication and problem-solving skills consistently displayed ageappropriate social and behavioral skills and expectations in 5 domains

Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Belief in Self, and Commitment

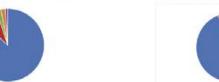
Achieved!

60 6th-8th grade girls achieved pregnancy prevention goals.

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

#### 2021 AUDITED REVENUE & EXPENSE

2021 AUDITED REVENUE: \$2.603.575



	Government Grants	87%
	Contributions	8%
W	Dues and Fees	2%
	Special Events, net	2%
	Other	1%

94% Programs Administration 3% 3% Fundraising

2021 AUDITED EXPENSE: \$2,588,021

#### 2021 AUDITED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS As		of December 31, 2021	
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$	830,982	
Grants receivable		115,007	
Contributions receivable, current portion		4,950	
Other accounts receivable		22,689	
Due from Foundation		114,381	
Total Current Assets		1,088,009	
Contributions receivable, long-term, net		1,168	
Investments		77,721	
Property and equipment, net		1,021,485	
Interest in the net assets of the Foundation		1,185,069	
Deposits		500	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	3,373,952	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	71	55.	
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	S	816	
Accrued expenses		187,497	
Interest payable		783	
PPP loan		376,525	
Line of credit		500	
Notes payable, current portion		24,113	
Total Current Liabilities	_39	590,234	
Net Assets	_	2	
Net Assets		2,541,226	
Without donor restrictions		404 774	
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Without donor restrictions		77,721	
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# 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 Harllee, 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.

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

For over 54 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, JFG is 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
		2022	Kathie Marsh



#### 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
MANATEE COUNTY GIRLS CLUB income arrangements, wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, memorials, year-end contributions and 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 2022. Thank you for investing in our girls and their dreams!









































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