Girls Inc. of Halton

Peter Gilgan Foundation funds will help inspire girls' growth

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The Peter Gilgan Foundation has given a \$150,000 grant to Girls Inc. of Halton, the organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

The grant will help Girls Inc. expand programming opportunities starting this summer.

The foundation's business & community leadership incubation lab will promote the exploration of business and community-related opportunities for girls 13-18 to participate in an intensive develop-, ment project.

All girls selected for the project will learn about financial literacy, entrepreneurship, community engagement, leadership and social enterprise. Smaller groups of girls will delve into a variety of relevant projects that serve a need in their lives and community.

The program is designed to encourage more girls: to learn new skills, take risks, fail, try again, develop resilience and work/support each other. The goal is to develop more female leaders and support systems to ensure they continue to . thrive after the program ends.

At the end of the summer girls will be recognized at a Girls Inc. of Halton celebration luncheon, with awards for the teams that best represent and inspire more girls to be strong, smart and bold.

"The Peter Gilgan Foundation is making an important contribution to our critical college and career readiness programming." said Shelley Nicholls, Girls Inc. of Halton executive director.

"(We) recognize that advancing opportunities for girls and women requires that we continue to look for ways to support innovative programs that help young people connect with employment success." said Stephanie Trussler, Peter Gilgan Foundation's program officer.

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