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The Missouri Girls Town Miracle

An electronic newsletter for friends of Missouri Girls Town

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The electronic newsletter will now be sent every other month

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Upcoming Dates

- August 17th – First Day of School
- September 5th - Labor Day
- October 1st – Open House

Summer Activites

Summer is here and our girls are busy! Most of our girls attended summer school and some were rewarded with a trip to Six Flags. Each summer, many of our staff coordinate and teach several "fun" classes for the girls. Some classes offered this summer include Kickball, Book Club, Scrapbooking, Sewing and many, many more.

As well as all of the mini classes that are planned, there is a dance competition, Fear Factor/Survivor Relay races, talent show, house karaoke competition and trip to Big Surf scheduled.

It should be a great summer!



*Big Surf Waterpark
Lake of the Ozarks, MO*

Courage, sacrifice, determination, commitment, toughness, heart, talent, guts. That's what little girls are made of; the heck with sugar and spice. -Bethany Hamilton

50% Tax Credits Now Available

50% tax credits are now available to individuals, businesses and corporations making a contribution of \$100 or more to Missouri Girls Town. If you are interested and would like more information please email Kathy at kbecker@mogirlstown.org or call 573-642-5345 ext. 11.

Wish List

- African American Hair Care products
- Hair Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Boysshort or bikini cut underwear (sizes 5 - 9)
- Socks (no show)
- Bras (all sizes)
- Shorts (sizes 0-5)
- Fun "Grab Bag" Rewards (lotions, games, etc...)
- DVD Player
- Hand Sanitizer – Alcohol Free

Wish List for Wirts Dining Hall

- Food Processor
- Blender
- Cake Icing

Contact Us

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Links of Interest

*Click here to make a donation
While the state provides fees for clients in its custody, one-third of our annual expenses must come from other sources.

*Click here to read the history of Girls Town

*Click here to find out about admission to MGT

School Wish List

Summer will be over and school will be in session before we know it! Below is a list of school supplies needed for this upcoming year:



- *Pocket Folders
- *1 inch 3-ring Binders
- *Composition Notebooks (no wires)
- *Ball Point Pens (black or blue ink)
- *Loose Leaf Paper (wide ruled)
- *USB Flash Drives (1GB or more)
- *Latex free gloves
- *Kleenex
- *Crayola Markers (thin and thick)
- *Sharpie Markers
- *Scientific Calculators
- *Alcohol Free Hand Sanitizer



Client Corner...

A poem called life

*Live a little love a little. Life's too short to sit around and mope all day
Smile and laugh be with people you love don't dwell on the past
Speak your mind and feel with your heart
you may even touch someone else's
Open up and express yourself. Don't bottle things up its no good,
Think positive not negative. Enjoy yourself and don't be afraid to have fun!
And whatever you do
DON'T EVER THINK YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH! It WILL ruin you!
You're better off just being you and not trying so hard to be something
you're not - something FAKE! Save yourself!*

- Written by a Missouri Girls Town Client

My Trip to Texas

My trip to Texas was the most amazing thing to me because I haven't seen my family in 4 years. I went fishing, swimming, four-wheel riding, and spent a lot of time with my family. Before I went on my trip, I was so nervous because I didn't know what had changed in Texas. Once I came back I realized seeing my family makes me work harder to accomplish the goals I am working on. I worked for my trip to Texas for a year. I never thought it would happen, but I never gave up.

- Written by a Missouri Girls Town Client

Comments/Suggestions

What would you like to see in the next newsletter? Please email Connie at chouchins@mogirlstown.org with comments/suggestions for the next newsletter.

Employee Recognition

Congratulations to the Quarter 4 award recipients for demonstrating innovation, integrity, excellence, and going above and beyond duties in on-the-job performance. Great Job!



Deidre Brown, Youth Worker



Jaime Fessler, R.N.



Joanie Hovland, Program Director



Rebecca Peterson, Youth Worker

The Employee of the Year will be announced in the next newsletter.

"Your's, Mine & Ours" Thrift Store

Stop by and take advantage of our weekly front porch specials – there is a new sale each week!

We accept donations during business hours or by appointment. Business Hours are Thursday and Friday 10 am – 6 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Please call Denise at 642-4404 for more information.

Check us out on facebook!

Fun Pics



Missouri Girls Town Welcomes...

Angie Gehlert was hired as the Director of Development in June. She has worked the past 10+ years with environmental not-for-profit organizations. Prior to that, she worked as the Waste Minimization Coordinator for the City of Columbia and for the State of Missouri, Office of Administration, as the State Recycling Coordinator. She has spent a great deal of time developing and growing programs, promoting and educating the public, and working to make programs financially sustainable.

Angie lives in New Bloomfield with her two daughters - Jordyn & Kodi.



My First Day at Missouri Girls Town.....

As I toured the campus for the first time, I honestly had a lot of mixed emotions. This was a completely different setting than I have been accustomed to. I wondered about the girls and what might have brought them here; about the staff in the various houses and how many challenges they must face being on the front lines. I thought about the counselors and administrative staff that are essential to the success of a program like Missouri Girls Town. To sum it up.....I was inspired by the staff and the work you do. There is much for me to learn about your programs and services, but look forward to rolling up my sleeves and helping with all the challenges and making the most of an opportunity to truly make a difference.

- Angie

Mystery Food Pantry Winners:

The food pantry competition was started as a fun way to utilize pantry items and have fun at the same time.

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1st Place - Gerbes House prepared an internationally inspired family platter full of flavor with House Specialty Chicken, grilled onions and hot, crusty French Baguette.



2nd Place - McClain House prepared a beautiful, golden brown roasted chicken thighs served with braised cabbage and onions to be finished with fresh, crisp apple slices.