

Girls Inc.'s 29th Annual Celebration Luncheon March 31

Honorees Include Dr. Karen Hamad and Kim Cornetet



girls inc.® THE 29TH ANNUAL GIRLS INC. CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

of Sarasota County has announced that **Kim Cornetet** and **Dr. Karen Hamad** will be honored at its **29th Annual Celebration Luncheon, Friday, March 31**, at the Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota. Luncheon chairs are Veronica Brady, Susan Jones, and Sally Schule.

The **She Knows Where She's Going Award** will be presented to Dr. Karen Hamad, MD, FACP. A board certified internist and pediatrician who has worked for First Physician's Group in Osprey since 2003, Dr. Hamad is currently serving as immediate past chief of staff of Sarasota Memorial Hospital, as well as the founding assistant program director for the FSU-SMU Internal Medicine Residency Program.

The She Knows Where She's Going Award recognizes an individual who is a "role model" for women and girls in our community, has been supportive of Girls Inc. and its programs, and has demonstrated commitment to community activities, professional organizations

or non-profit work that demonstrates a belief in contributing to others.

Kim Cornetet, an owner of Greenhouse Fabrics with her husband, will receive the **Girls Inc. Visionary Award**. The Visionary Award is a board nominated award given to an individual who not only believes in the mission of the organization, which is to "inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold," but also sees the larger vision for the organization in the community, region and globally.

Mrs. Cornetet supports the Sarasota community through her strong dedication to volunteer positions at several additional local organizations. She has been a staunch advocate and has volunteered for Girls Inc. for more than a decade.

In addition to these awards, two Girls Inc. girls will be recognized this year. Shayla White, who has been attending Girls Inc. for eight years and is currently mayor of Girls Inc.'s "Dream Harbor" community, will receive the She Knows Where She's Growing award. She is a sixth grader at Booker Middle School.

Alexandra Perez will be honored with

the inaugural Girls Inc. Leadership Award. A junior at Sarasota High School, Alex has been at Girls Inc. for more than 10 years. She was recently selected to participate in the Girls Inc. National Advocacy program, and attended the White House Summit - The United State of Women in Washington, D.C., last summer.

Individual ticket for the 29th Annual Celebration Luncheon are \$125 and may be purchased online at www.girlsincsrq.org or by calling (941) 366-6646, ext. 211. Sponsorships and tables are also available. Prior to the luncheon, Girls Inc. girls will offer a boutique of goods they have created in their Dream Harbor enterprises. There will also be a chance drawing featuring items donated from Saks Fifth Avenue.



Dr. Karen Hamad



Kim Cornetet

About Girls Inc.

Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Our comprehensive approach to whole girl development equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. These positive outcomes are achieved through three core elements: people - trained staff and volunteers who build lasting, mentoring relationships; environment - girls-only, physically and emotionally safe, where there is a sisterhood of support, high expectations, and mutual respect; and programming - research-based, hands-on and minds-on, age-appropriate, meeting the needs of today's girls. Informed by girls and their families, we also advocate for legislation and policies to increase opportunities for all girls. More info at www.girlsincsrq.org.