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## GIRLS GROUP RECEIVES CONGRESSIONAL RECORD AND IS HONORED BY ATHENA® LEADERS ACTION NETWORK OF THE HURON VALLEY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**January 31, 2017** 



Yatesha Robinson, Director of Social Work and Middle School Programming, accepted the Congressional Record on behalf of Girls Group

The Congressional Record honored the 13 years that Girls Group has been serving the community. As indicated in part of the congressional Record: "The growth and success of Girls Group is a testament to Ms. Schooner's hard work and dedication to the organization. Through the work of Girls Group staff and volunteers, hundreds of young women have been empowered to pursue their dreams. The group has also played a pivotal role in helping the girls' emotional and life skills development, and the record of success in improving these girls' lives speaks to the impact that Girls Group has had. The organization and staff continue to inspire, and it is my hope that the organization



Betsy Miller (Girls Group Board Chair), Jan Davies McDermott (ATHENA<sup>®</sup> International Board Director), and Yatesha Robinson (Girls Group Director of Social Work and Middle School Programs)

continues to be a positive force in the community in the years ahead."

Girls Group's founder and Executive Director, Sue Schooner, was presented the Organizational Leadership Award by the ATHENA® Leaders Action Network of the Huron Valley on January 31, 2017.

"On behalf of Girls Group, and on behalf of the young women we mentor and empower to become community leaders, I am honored to receive the Organizational Leadership Award from the ATHENA® Leaders Action Network of the Huron Valley," stated Sue Schooner, Executive Director of Girls Group. "The recognition Girls Group receives from community organizations, and the support Girls Group receives from our partners and our donors, helps us create a positive, affirming atmosphere where young women work towards their goals to achieve economic and emotional selfsufficiency. Currently, Girls Group supports 350 middle school, high school and first-generation college students in Washtenaw County."

