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Girls Inc. of the Seacoast Area Hosts Girls Rock!

Special Music Performance by Patty Larkin

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., April 28, 2014 – The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center announces **Girls Rock!**, an evening cocktail event with a designer handbag silent auction and exclusive live auction items. This is a fundraising event in support of the center's Girls Inc. of the Seacoast Area programming that empowers local area girls to become strong, smart and bold! The event will take place on Friday, May 9th at Blue Ocean Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North, Salisbury, MA from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. The presenting sponsor of **Girls Rock!** is Arthur S. Page Insurance Agency.

The evening features a live musical performance by rock and folk legend Patty Larkin. Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folk-urban pop music with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. Larkin's new release ***Still Green***, her 13th recording, is co-produced with Mike Denneen (Aimee Mann, Howie Day). *Still Green* plays out in Technicolor sound images, a kaleidoscope of sun and sea traveling from the fluorescent-lit hallways of grief to the warm pull of love, family and nature. Much of it written in a primitive dune shack on the Outer Banks of Cape Cod's National Seashore, *Still Green* is a fresh approach to sound and life from a legendary songwriter who continues to amaze.

Girls Rock! promises to be a fun and energetic evening showcasing the musical stylings of Patty Larkin, a fabulous designer premier designer handbag silent auction featuring the designs of Michael Kors, Coach and Kate Spade to name a few, and an exclusive live auction, fabulous food, cocktails and fun. Most importantly, this is the single annual event dedicated to raising funds for our Girls Inc. of the Seacoast Area programming which provides programs to girls in 10 communities within Essex County and encourages them to embrace their value and potential, while equipping them with the tools for leadership roles in the greater community," says Suzanne Dubus, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.

Reservations are limited. Tickets are \$75 per person in advance or \$85 at the door. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased online at www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org or by contacting Kelly Majewski at 978-465-0999 x14 or kmajewski@jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org.

We would like to thank the sponsors of Girls Rock! **Presenting Sponsor;** Arthurs S. Page Insurance Agency, **Strong Sponsor;** Institution For Savings, **Smart Sponsors;** The Quinlan Family and the Hoffman Family, **Bold Sponsors;** Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank and Mechanica USA, **Friend Sponsors,** Dr. Heidi Bassler and Todd A. Newman, Esq. Bassler Veterinary Hospital, LLC, Lombardi Oil Company, Fritz DeGiglielmo LLC.

Girls Incorporated is a national research, education, and direct advocacy organization that inspires girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Programs, based on research gathered at the Girls Inc. national resource center, encourage girls ages 6 to 18 to take risks and master physical, intellectual, and emotional challenges. Girls Inc. of the Seacoast Area is a provisional affiliate of the national organization and a program of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.

For 32 years, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center has been helping individuals and families at risk because of domestic violence. What began as the compassionate mission of several volunteer parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport in 1982 has grown into a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence from Amesbury, Merrimac, Georgetown, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, West Newbury, and Groveland. The mission of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is to empower community members to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing support, advocacy, and education. For more information, call 978-465-0999, visit www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org or call the 24-hour confidential crisis hotline at 978-388-1888.

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