**Thank you for participating in**

**Girls Inc. of Long Island’s Zumba Challenge 2014!**

**Asking for pledges is easy— just use the template below. Your sponsorship donations will help us reach more girls on Long Island!**

**$25 raised = 2 Raffles**

**$100 raised = T-shirt & 2 Raffles**

**Top Fundraiser = GRAND PRIZE**

**PLEDGE Template:**

Subject: Please sponsor me in Girls Inc. of Long Island’s Zumba Challenge!

Dear Friends, (be sure to email blind copy all!)

***What will you be doing on October 24th, 2014?***

I'll be sweating through 1 ½ hours of Zumba, as part of my efforts to help raise money to fund life-changing opportunities that empower girls ages 5-18 across Long Island to become the next generation of leaders. I'm doing this on behalf of [**GIRLS INC. OF LONG ISLAND**,](http://www.girlsincli.org.) and I'm writing to request your sponsorship support of my participation in this important fundraising event.

**I'm looking forward to the challenge of the 3rd Annual Zumba Challenge and to raising at least $\_\_\_\_\_ to fund Girls Inc. of Long Island's efforts to bring empowerment programming, such as financial and media literacy, leadership, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), and mind+body programming to girls in Nassau and Suffolk counties.**

It’s hard to believe that in the United States in 2014 one in four girls will not finish high school and one in four girls will be a victim of childhood sexual abuse. But with you, me, and Girls Inc. in her corner, we will fuel her fire so she can find her path, reach her highest goals, and inspire others to do the same. At Girls Inc., every girl learns to be healthy, confident, and resilient, and lives her life as a strong, smart, and bold woman.

Just ask Angela, age 14, from Bayshore: ***“Girls Inc. helps raise my confidence and believe in myself.”***

I'm counting on the support of generous individuals like you, who are willing to donate to this important cause.

**Won't you please take a moment to click the link below to place a donation online as a sponsor of my participation in the Zumba Challenge?** If you prefer to donate by check, please make your check payable to **GIRLS INC. OF LONG ISLAND** and kindly mail to their address (please put my name in the comments!):

819 Grand Blvd.

Deer Park, NY 11729

**Follow this link to donate and be sure to write my name in the comments:** [**Zumba Challenge 2014 Pledge Form**](http://tinyurl.com/ko7msun)

For more information about Girls Inc. of Long Island, please visit their website at [www.girlsincli.org](http://www.bentonlearning.org/).

Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated!

Thank you again,

Signature

**THANK YOU TEMPLATE:**

Subject: Thank you for sponsoring me in Girls Inc. of Long Island’s Zumba Challenge!

Dear \_\_\_\_ ,

Thank you so much for sponsoring me for the 2014 Girls Inc. of Long Island Zumba-Thon! Your personal commitment to developing the potential of every girl is matched only by your generosity. **[I’m thrilled to share that we raised ($ Raised). – if sending after event]**

At Girls Inc. of Long Island, girls receive the support, skills, and tools they need to grow up healthy, educated, and independent. Girls Inc. is the spark that ignites the fight for the brilliant future girls deserve.

Thanks to your support, we are able to deliver more programs and experiences that change the lives of girls across Long Island.

I invite you to stay connected to continue your support of Girls Inc. of Long Island. ([**Girls Inc. Sign Up**](http://tinyurl.com/o3hbt7v)) Your investment will empower the next generation of strong, smart, and bold girls in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Thank you,

Your Signature