

February 15, 2009

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department  
Donnie Snow, Director  
800 Center Street  
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mr. Snow:

I am a Girls Inc. Specialist with the YWCA of Racine. I facilitate afterschool leadership groups at Gilmore and Jerstad-Agerholm Middle schools, called "Girls in Action". The groups are responsible for following through with action to address an issue they care about. They have chosen to organize "Action for Animals", a festival to raise awareness for animals that are abused and neglected and to educate the community on the importance of caring for animals. They will bring together a variety of organizations and professionals who care for animals and will plan a variety of activities for families and children.

Ray Hammermann, supervisor at the Cesar Chavez Community Center has agreed to host the event. I have also spoken with Tom Molbeck regarding rental fees and hope that you will approve a reduction or waiver of the fee. This is an amazing opportunity for middle school girls to become leaders in our community and to learn how develop a community service project. The community will also benefit from the knowledge they acquire at this unique event.

Please contact me at [girlsincracine@yahoo.com](mailto:girlsincracine@yahoo.com) or 262-308-4881 if you need more information regarding this request.

Thank you for your time,

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