



*Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's
Retreat™
2010 Sponsorship Packet*

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Dear Prospective Partner,

Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ (GFG) started in a one-bedroom hotel suite as a life-changing gift to my friends. Many of them expected a typical "girls' night out" but left empowered with a renewed sense of self. Since that night, GFG has taken a life of its own and now presents a refreshing twist to Christian women's conferences.

Over the past three years, the event grew into a two-day conference, touching nearly 100 lives by offering faith-based teaching with practical application and relaxation through spa services, dance lessons and a host of other activities. Knowing the daily demands often placed on women, the event serves as an effective outlet for women to get away and be refreshed.

Because women are often the heartbeat of the community, this event has proven to be not only beneficial for the attendee, but the community as a whole. From the host of attendee testimonials received, the event has motivated women to be better mothers, wives, daughters and friends. Women have been encouraged to identify their God-given purpose and step out to author books, develop businesses and start ministries. Attendees have been inspired to improve their standard of living not only for themselves but their families while celebrating the beauty of friendship. GFG not only impacts the lives of women but teenage girls as well. Last year, we introduced teenage girls to the event through our mentoring program, G.E.N.E.S.I.S. (Girls Experiencing New Encounters; Succeeding In Sisterhood).

Embarking on its fourth year, GFG keeps getting progressively better. We will continue empowering women with this year's theme of "**Take Up Your Torch: Celebrating The Legacy of Women.**" In addition to the standard elements of previous years, we are incorporating a *Legacy Luncheon*, where we will celebrate and honor women and one teenage girl who has impacted the community. To continue the growth of this event, we are asking for your support. We hope that you will consider partnering with us and supporting our efforts.

Best Regards,

Leslie A. Goode
Founder

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Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ (GFG) is a Christian-based women's conference that allows women to take a break from life's daily routine to relax, refresh and refocus through activities that merge ministry, practical application, personal development and outreach. With a strong emphasis on friendship, GFG believes women are not designed to go through life alone; everyone needs the support of a girlfriend.

During a series of life challenges, Leslie Goode realized one cannot go through life without wisdom, faith and the support of girlfriends. Seeing her friends with similar challenges, Leslie's dream was to create an atmosphere for Christian girlfriends to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to relax, refresh and refocus. God blessed Leslie with this dream when the first GFG came to fruition in 2007.

Initially, GFG was designed to be a one-time, *one-day* event. After seeing the impact of Min. Wonderland Hudson's message for women to "...wise up, lighten up and rise up," a one-time event turned into an official conference. In 2008, the first GFG *two-day* conference expanded to encompass an elegant brunch and series of sessions with multiple speakers encouraging the women to "fan the flame" by pushing past fears and tapping into the talents and gifts God placed in their hearts.

In 2009, GFG pushed to the next level; women were encouraged to get "back to the basics." It was also the introductory year of G.E.N.E.S.I.S. (Girls Experiencing New Encounters; Succeeding In Sisterhood), a program designed to help high school girls achieve their destiny and purpose in life through exposure to life skills training, the arts and professional development.

Now entering into its fourth year, with God's direction Goode is ready to take GFG to the next level. In addition to what participants have come to love and expect from GFG, the 2010 conference will also incorporate additional activities such as a legacy luncheon, which will honor women in our community and one high school girl. Sisterhood knows no boundaries, and GFG will continue to touch the lives of women and girls everywhere for generations to come.

Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ is under the umbrella of G.R.A.C.E. Inc. (Goode Resources to Achieve Community Excellence), a nonprofit organization.

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WHO ATTENDS

- ✓ Gender: Female audience
- ✓ Adult Age: Open to all adult women. Average age 25-45.
- ✓ Employed or transitioning employment
- ✓ GENESIS Age (Teens): High school aged. 14-18.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ 2007 - 40 attendees. Inaugural event at hotel. Free event. By invitation only.
- ✓ 2008 - 40 attendees. Attendees paid registration fee. Open to public.
- ✓ 2009 - 64 attendees. Attendees paid registration fee. Open to public.

GFG 2009 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Two days of fun-filled inspirational activities
- ✓ Introduction of GENESIS teen mentoring program
- ✓ Speakers: Pastor Dennis Daniels, Jr., Dawn Fobbs, Cheryl D. Brown, J.J. Moses, Elder Sandra L. Reis, Melodie Wade and Janice Ward
- ✓ Praise & Worship Leaders: Jerry Wade, Jr., Ileah Foster and Divinity (dancers)
- ✓ Other activities: Spa services, shopping, salsa dancing, dancercise and karaoke

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THEME "Take Up Your Torch: Celebrating The Legacy of Women."
DATE Sept. 17-18, 2010
HOST SITE Hotel Derek, 2525 West Loop South • Houston, Texas 77027
P) 866-292-4100

EVENTS:

- ✓ Spa Services
- ✓ Shopping
- ✓ Praise Dancers
- ✓ Praise and Worship
- ✓ Dynamic Speakers and Seminars
- ✓ "Legacy Luncheon" to honor women in the community
- ✓ Dance Lessons
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Programs and Activities for teen girls

"Lives Touched"

"I have had the pleasure of attending Girlfriends Get-A-Way for the past two years. The first year was just one night in a hotel room, but I tell you, it changed my life. I found myself opening up and sharing things with people that I knew, but would never have shared personal things with otherwise. The second year was two fun-filled days of excitement! The theme is always right on time with what God is doing in my life and where He wants me to go. I applaud Leslie Goode for having a vision, hearing God's voice, implementing the vision and fulfilling her purpose to empower women. Girlfriends Get-A-Way here I come!"

"I've been a part of Girlfriend's Get-A-Way since its beginning in 2007. I've been changed by its inspiration and the sheer spirit of a true sisterhood brought together with a common goal in mind: to meet new people from different backgrounds and share in the knowledge that none of us are ever truly alone in this world. We come in as individuals and leave as sisters. This experience has truly made me into a better woman."

"Having participated in GFG on multiple levels, I have watched it grow from a seedling into a blossoming rose. GFG has enriched me both spiritually and socially. Every year is different from the last, leaving participants with anticipation as to what's to come next!"

"Last year's GFG was so awesome. The thing that blessed me about last year was the speakers. These dynamic women of God and their testimonies were so mind blowing. After hearing some of the things they had to overcome from losing a child to death, to coming out of horrible relationships to carrying around generational curses; these women of God covered it all. When it was over I really did believe I could do anything life had to offer. The sky for me has no limit. Since last year I've learned to work smart and not hard. I've made some life changes. I look forward to this year's GFG. Every year gets better and better Hope to see you there!"

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Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ (GFG) Sponsorship Opportunities

- **ULTIMATE GET-A-WAY UNDERWRITER-\$12,000**

BENEFITS:

- ✓ 4 guest passes for Conference including tickets to the Legacy Luncheon and swag bags for you and your guests
- ✓ Reserved seating during conference events
- ✓ Sponsors profile in Conference book
- ✓ Verbal mention during Conference each day
- ✓ Visual slide display before Conference and during conference
- ✓ Link to sponsor's website on the Girlfriends Get-A-Way website
- ✓ Premier single booth location in market place to promote business or display products

- **EXTREME GET-A-WAY-\$6000**

BENEFITS:

- ✓ 3 guest passes for Conference including tickets to the Legacy Luncheon and swag bags for you and your guests, **plus** all the benefits listed above

- **MINI GET-A-WAY UNDERWRITER-\$3000**

BENEFITS:

- ✓ 2 guest passes for Conference including tickets to the Legacy Luncheon and swag bags for you and your guests, **plus** all the benefits listed above

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- **WEEKEND GET-A-WAY UNDERWRITER-\$1500**

BENEFITS:

- ✓ 1 guest pass for Conference including tickets to the Legacy Luncheon and swag bags for you and your guests, **plus** all the benefits listed above

- **GENESIS MENTORING PROGRAM UNDERWRITER-\$1000**

- Target: High School age girls (14-18)

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Sponsors profile in Conference book
- ✓ Verbal mention during Conference each day
- ✓ Visual slide display before conference and during conference
- ✓ Link to sponsor's website on the Girlfriends Get-A-Way website
- ✓ Premier single booth location in market place to promote business or display products

- **GIRLFRIENDS GET-A-WAY PARTNER**

- Sponsor a women @ \$75 per woman
- Donation of any amount

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Mention in printed program

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Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ (GFG) Underwriting Opportunities

- ✓ Audio Visual equipment
- ✓ Event lighting
- ✓ Conference stage décor
- ✓ Spa services
- ✓ Bags and Tissue paper to produce attendee's Swag Bags
- ✓ Contents for Swag Bags
- ✓ 8 gift certificates for a one night stay at a local hotel
- ✓ 8 restaurant gifts cards in the amount of \$50 plus
- ✓ 1 hour salsa lessons
- ✓ Printing of programs, signage, flyers and other promotional materials
- ✓ Table linens for the Legacy Luncheon
- ✓ Floral arrangements for the Legacy Luncheon
- ✓ Awards for Legacy Luncheon honorees
- ✓ 2 airline tickets for the ultimate getaway giveaway

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Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Alternate Number _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Website Address _____

Name as you would like it to be published on conference materials:

SPONSOR LEVELS

- Ultimate Get-A-Way-\$12,000
- Extreme Get-A-Way- \$6000
- Mini Get-A-Way-\$3000
- Weekend Get-A-Way- \$1500
- GENESIS program \$1000
- Sponsor a women @ \$75 per woman
of women sponsored _____
- Donation of any amount _____

UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

In-kind donation

Donation includes _____

Value of donation \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____



FORMS OF PAYMENT

- Check Enclosed (Please make checks payable to Girlfriends Get-A-Way)

Check# _____

Payment of 50% must accompany the signing of the contract. The remaining balance is due by Friday, August 20, 2010.

- Credit Card via Pay Pal Invoice

PLEASE SIGN BELOW

We, the below signed company or individual, contract as an conference underwriter, sponsor, partner or contributor for the 2010 Girlfriends Get-A-Way Women's Retreat™ scheduled for Sept. 17-18, 2010 in Houston, TX.

COMPANY: _____

AUTHORIZED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Please Direct Any Inquiries to:

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Send Application and Payment to:

Girlfriends Get-a-Way

c/o GRACE

Attn: Sponsors

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