

## Media Alert

### ***Girls Club of Los Angeles Teens Rally for a Healthy Future At Fremont High School***

**What:** In honor of *Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month* the ***Girls Club of Los Angeles (GCLA)*** is sponsoring the **“My Future is Up to Me Teen Rally”** at John C. Fremont High School. This event will offer 2,000 Fremont High School students an opportunity to receive information on pregnancy prevention, college information and opportunities for summer jobs.

**Who:** The ***Girls Club of Los Angeles (GCLA)*** is a non-profit agency that focuses on the needs of underprivileged and at-risk youth between the ages 2 and 21 years old. ***The GCLA mission is to enrich the lives of children, youth, and families in a personalized high quality learning environment that contributes to self-sufficient, stable and productive lives.***

This event is sponsored under ***GCLA’s Project LEAD (Leaders in Enrichment of Adolescent Development)*** -- a youth development initiative.

A variety of community agencies and schools will participate in the **“My Future is Up to Me”** Teen Rally such as:

- Break the Cycle
- Community Health Councils, Inc.
- East LA Community College
- El Nido Family Centers
- Platt College
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference Hate Crimes Prevention Program
- SEA Teen Pregnancy Prevention College
- Youth & Neighbors Excelling Together

**When:** Wednesday, May 12, 2004 from 8:30am – 1:30 pm

**Where:** John C. Fremont High School  
7676 S. San Pedro  
Los Angeles, CA 90003

**Why:** It is predicted that the recent declines in California’s teen pregnancy rate will soon reverse and increase more than 28 percent by the year 2008. California ranks 21 in the nation and there are more than 53,000 births to teens each year. Teen mothers are less likely to graduate from high school- 2 out of 3 teen mothers never finish high school. The rally is part of a statewide **“It’s Up to Me”** campaign funded by the California Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning.

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