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Girls Club of Los Angeles Teens Rally for a Healthy Future At Washington High School

What: The *Girls Club of Los Angeles (GCLA)* is sponsoring the first annual “**Healthy Mind and Body**” Teen Rally at George Washington High School. This Teen Rally promotes positive healthy lifestyles and responsible decision-making. This event will offer 2,000, 9th grade Washington High School students and opportunity to receive information on responsible parenting, pregnancy prevention, healthy lifestyles, college information and opportunities for summer jobs. In addition students will be able to learn about the various organizations offering services in their communities.

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 and funded 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 “**Healthy Mind and Body**” Teen Rally such as:

- California State University Los Angeles
- Charles R. Drew University
- ITT Technical Institute
- La Vida Medical Group
- Minority Aids Project
- Planned Parenthood
- El Nido Family Center
- Warehouse Shoe Sales

When: Wednesday, May 31, 2006, from 8:30am – 12:00 pm

Where: George Washington High School
Gymnasium
10860 Denker Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047

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. There are more than 53,000 births to teens each year in California. Teen mothers are less likely to graduate from high school- 2 out of 3 teen mothers never finish high school. In 2003, there were 35,634 youth, under the age of 19 reported cases of Chlamydia in California.

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