

Made 2B More focuses on leadership

It was last summer when Rhonda Mincey glanced out of a window from her home and noticed young girls walking up and down the street. Her heart sank. She knew where the girls were headed – nowhere—fast. That realization prompted Mincey to start a non-profit program now known as Made 2B More, Inc., a Conyers-based program that is open to girls in Rockdale, DeKalb and surrounding counties.

The name of the program was derived from biblical scripture, Jeremiah 29:11: "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans not to harm you but to prosper you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

"I would see girls who acted out of control and I would think, 'Don't you know you're made for more than that?' Girls need to know and be reminded that they are special and that they are created for a purpose," Mincey said.

The Leadership, Sirius™ and PEERformers™ programs reinforce that concept. All girls must first participate in The Leadership program which is open to girls ages 8 – 16 and runs from August through May. This program requires girls to set a goal and then do several projects that

help them realize that goal. Upon completion, girls apply for an award that ranges between \$500 – \$5,000 to realize their goal through The Tiger Woods Foundation. Girls come for activities on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sirius™ offers life skills training to those who are ages 13-14 and PEERformers™ is open to girls ages 15-16. A total of 20 girls is accepted into each program.

Mincey said the girls enjoyed the programs so much that she held some summer activities.

"At our regular sessions, we may exercise, play games, draw or listen to music," Mincey said.

There is no cost to attend the programs. Parents are asked to donate their time by volunteering. The staff isn't

paid. The program is funded by tax-deductible donations and corporate sponsors.

A car wash fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 31, at the McDonald's located at South Hairston Road and Redan Road in Stone Mountain.

The Leadership Program begins Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Boys and Girls Club, 1015 O'Kelly Street, Conyers. For more information, please visit www.made2bmore.org.



Growing, Learning: Girls in the leadership program spend time reading the bible.