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## **Pace Center for Girls – Collier at Immokalee Announces the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Believing in Girls Luncheon March 24, 2023**

Pace Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee announces that it will be hosting the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving girls and young women in the Pace Center in Immokalee. This luncheon is Pace's signature event and is the pinnacle to the "A Gift from the Heart" appeal that began in November 2022.

This year's event Chair is Erin Otterbeck, Pace Executive Board Member and VP of Naples Operations and Business Development for AlliKriste Custom Kitchen and Cabinetry. Otterbeck shares that "it has truly been a privilege to help create awareness for the mission of Pace Center for Girls. When girls' rights are recognized, their needs met, and their voices heard, they can drive positive change in their families and their communities." Adds Otterbeck, "from day one, I have wanted to help break the cycle and provide the tools and support to empower these girls to reach for the stars! Through the Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon, we are doing just that."

MidWestOne Bank is the presenting sponsor for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon. "MidWestOne Bank is proud to be this year's presenting sponsor for the Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon," shares Ana Maria Senica is the 1<sup>st</sup> VP Regional Retail Manager and Pace Executive Board Member. "MidWestOne was introduced to Pace ten years ago, and what began as a donation in 2013 has grown into a partnership and so much more between our bank and the center. The transformations I have witnessed and success stories I have heard from the at-risk young women that the center serves is nothing short of astounding. I encourage others to join in supporting these girls."

For more information about attending the luncheon and sponsorship opportunities for Pace's Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon visit [Believing in Girls Empowerment Luncheon \(pacecenter.org\)](https://pacecenter.org) or email [sharon.tolnai@pacecenter.org](mailto:sharon.tolnai@pacecenter.org).

### **About Pace Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee:**

Pace Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee, serves at-risk girls between the ages of 12-18 by providing strengths-based, trauma-informed, and gender-responsive academics and social services. Pace values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity find her voice, achieve her potential, and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity, and grace.

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