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Girls Republic Alumna Laila Ali Chairs 2006 Della Robbia Wreath Campaign

■ Chino Hills: Della Robbia project provides year-round work experience for troubled teenagers.

As Thanksgiving and the beginning of the 2006 holiday season fast approach, Boys Republic students and staff are making last-minute preparations for the youth agency's annual production of its famed Della Robbia holiday wreaths. This year, professional boxer and entrepreneur Laila Ali has added her voice to the chorus of supporters urging customers to place advance orders for the holiday decorations.

Ms. Ali, an alumna of Boys Republic's sister program, Girls Republic, is Honorary National Chair of the 2006 Della Robbia wreath campaign. She is the latest in a long line of prominent Americans who have, for nearly 50 years, added luster and prestige to the annual fund-raising effort.

While a student at Girls Republic, Ms. Ali was recognized for the positive role she played in helping other students. "Laila was a natural leader — it was a lot like having another staff member around," said Girls Republic caseworker Wanda Hennessy.

A multi-talented entrepreneur, Ms. Ali



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HONEST LABOR: *Teens mature only under the stress of responsibility.* This 1950s scene from Boys Republic's "pod barn" could have been photographed today.

Student Work Experience Project Helps Disadvantaged Teens Earn Part of Their Own Way

During each holiday season, more than 45,000 wreaths are produced by students and staff right on the Boys Republic main campus in Chino Hills, California. The wreaths feature fresh greenery, fresh lemons and apples and a rich assortment of dried pine cones, seed pods and other natural materials.

While the yearly Della Robbia campaign helps to supplement Boys Republic's funding, the project's primary purpose is in providing work experience for disadvantaged teenagers. From gathering, sorting and preparing decorative seed pods to fastening them to supple evergreen boughs and finally, to shipping the finished "circles of hope" throughout the world, students working in the Della Robbia program experience the challenges and rewards of adult responsibility, while earning part of their own way.

Celebrity Athlete, Girls Republic Alumna Laila Ali Adds Luster to Della Robbia Wreath Campaign

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graduated from Girls Republic, founded and operated a nail salon business and earned a degree in business management at Santa Monica College. She then sold her business to enter the world of women's professional boxing.

Laila is the youngest daughter of legendary former Heavyweight Champion of the World, Muhammad Ali. So, if bloodlines mean anything, Ms. Ali is going to the top of her sport, as well.

Since her debut, in 1999, she has amassed an impressive undefeated 22-0 (19 KOs) record en route to becoming a World Champion boxer with multiple Super-Middle weight titles.

Laila remains close with members of the Girls Republic staff and has been a frequent visitor to the girls' facility.



GIRLS REPUBLIC: *A community-based residence, Girls Republic helps teen-aged young women overcome obstacles in their lives.*

Boys Republic Report

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Our Mission: Boys Republic seeks to give adolescent youth with behavioral, educational and emotional difficulties an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential for responsible, self-directed life within the community.



Anatomy of a Della Robbia

LIQUIDAMBAR

A member of the witch hazel family, liquidambar trees grow in great profusion throughout Southern California. These spiny seed casings are gathered early in the year.

COTTON BURR

These delicate star-shaped pods are gleaned from the fields of the San Joaquin Valley after the cotton crop has been picked.

PINE CONES

Cones from a variety of pine and fir trees are used in every wreath, some gathered at altitudes of up to 10,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

PLUMOSUM

Named for their feather-like plumes, these novel cones are native to Israel and South Africa.

EVERGREEN BOUGHS

Supple noble fir evergreens are harvested fresh in the forests of Northern California and Oregon. No trees are harmed in the pruning process.

WINESAP APPLES & FRESH LEMONS

Hand-rubbed in alcohol and then lacquered to keep them colorful and plump.

LOTUS POD

This distinctive water lily seed casing with many of the seeds still intact is gathered in the fall from local lakes and ponds.

TEASEL

An Old World herb once used in mills to "tease" up the nap of woolen cloth, this prickly flower head is harvested in the San Francisco Bay area.



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Boys Republic Welcomes New Volunteer Leadership

The primary governing body of Boys Republic is a Board of Directors which, by tradition, is made up entirely of volunteer citizens from communities served by the agency. The Board is self-perpetuating, electing its members from the ranks of Southern California's leaders in business, professional and civic life. Three recently elected Directors bring the panel's membership to eighteen members.



Barry Baszile

Returning to Boys Republic's Board of Directors is businessman Barry Baszile. Mr. Baszile is founder and President of Baszile Metals Service, a manufacturer of parts and materials for the aerospace and defense industries.

As an inner city employer, Mr Baszile is particularly interested in worker self-improvement and education. He formed the non-profit "Welfare to Work Partners" which prepares welfare recipients to enter the workforce by improving academic competencies and life skills.



Timothy McGrath

Alumnus Timothy McGrath graduated from Boys Republic in 1959. After a three-year enlistment in the Army, Mr. McGrath worked his way through college, culminating in a juris doctorate degree from Santa Clara School of Law.

He embarked upon a legal career, first with the Internal Revenue Service as an estate and trust attorney and, later, established himself in private practice in the field of estate planning.

Mr. McGrath retired in 2002 and is currently writing a fictional novel.



Michael Miramontes

"If you want it, you've got to work for it," says Boys Republic alumnus Michael Miramontes.

A prolific business entrepreneur, Mr. Miramontes knows well the value of hard work. After a series of start-ups that were reasonably successful, he founded Shopping.com, an Internet-based merchandiser. E-commerce was in its infancy, but the idea proved to be timely. In the late 1990s, he took Shopping.com public and sold it to a Fortune 500 company.

Mr. Miramontes' current endeavor is an Internet-based management training business.

Memorials Honor Special People, Events, Thru the Lives of Children

A memorial contribution to Boys Republic and Girls Republic is a meaningful way to honor a special person, a special event or the memory of a friend or loved one. Your gift will reap a second benefit as well by contributing directly to the programs of Boys and Girls Republic. In this way, the honor paid the designee will live on perpetually in the lives of the deserving young people you have helped.

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