

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **VALERO “ROCKITS” GIRLS INTO THE FUTURE AS PRESENTING SPONSOR OF 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIRLS INC. SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

SAN ANTONIO, TX — March 22, 2010 — Valero Energy Corporation has been named Presenting Sponsor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls Inc. San Antonio Science Festival.

Every year, the Science Festival averages 2,000-2,500 people and each year brings a new element of growth and sense of exploration for Girls Inc. San Antonio, Science Festival participants and the public. The Science Festival is a family-friendly event featuring hands-on science activities and workshops for girls ages 6 to 18. Participation helps foster their interest in science, math, technology and engineering by inviting them to explore, ask questions and solve problems at various festival activity booths.

Valero Energy, headquartered in San Antonio, is honored to support organizations such as Girls Inc. San Antonio through its philanthropic foundation and through a dedicated network of Volunteer Councils. Since the inception of the Girls Inc. Science Festival, Valero has been a prominent figure in the community-wide effort by providing vast numbers of volunteers and generous sponsorships.

Sylvia Rodriguez, Community Relations Director for Valero, said sponsorship of the Girls Inc. Science Festival is a natural fit for the company as a leading petroleum refiner and marketer, and as a caring community partner. “Girls Inc. makes significant strides in San Antonio to inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold, and we are proud to support that initiative.”

Annette Rodriguez, President/CEO of Girls Inc. San Antonio said, “The Valero Energy Foundation has been one of our strongest corporate donors and continues to support our efforts to serve more girls in the Alamo City.”

The Science Festival has seen significant growth since 2009 in vendor participation (over 50 percent) and has garnered community support from H-E-B and most recently, Connect a Million Minds (CAMM), a Time Warner Cable initiative, designed to inspire students to pursue learning opportunities and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

In addition to nearly 30 different hands-on science activities and workshops, the Science Festival will feature a celebrity mascot pep rally with the San Antonio Silver Stars Fox and the San Antonio Missions’ Ball-A-Peno. Radio Disney, the official radio partner of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Festival, will provide live entertainment, while kids will be entered for a chance to win cool prizes and much, much more!

#### **About Girls Inc. San Antonio**

Girls Incorporated<sup>®</sup> of San Antonio is an affiliate of Girls Incorporated<sup>®</sup>, a national non-profit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold through research-based and highly

evaluated programs. Girls Inc. implements programming in an all-girl environment that teaches critical concepts in financial and media literacy, self-defense and health related issues.

### **About Valero**

Valero Energy Corporation is a Fortune 500 company based in San Antonio with approximately 21,000 employees. The company owns or operates 15 refineries with a combined throughput capacity of approximately 2.8 million barrels per day. Valero is also a leading ethanol producer with nine ethanol plants in the Midwest with a combined capacity of 1 billion gallons per year, and is one of the nation's largest retail operators with approximately 5,800 retail and branded wholesale outlets in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean under the Valero, Diamond Shamrock, Shamrock, Ultramar and Beacon brands. Please visit [www.valero.com](http://www.valero.com) for more information.

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