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Dear Girls Rock! DC Community:

Girls Rock! DC is expanding and we couldn't be more thrilled! After 11 years as an all volunteer lead and run organization, with a few paid positions here and there, we are excited to be growing up and into a new staffing model. We have a newly formed Board of Directors and are hiring Co-Executive Directors which will allow us to expand our programs and strengthen our base. We will always be a volunteer run organization, as we value all of the support, perspective, expertise, and skills that our community members have to contribute to making the DMV a place where all young people feel empowered to stand up and rock out.

Did you know that every year, Girls Rock! DC serves more than 100 youths and 20 adults through our programs, led by some 150 stipended volunteers at sites around the District? I look forward to seeing how many more people we can bring into this great community as we grow.

We are elated to be bringing on our first of two Co-Executive Directors, Noel Schroeder. Noel is a non-profit management whiz, a former high school teacher, and a feminist community organizer. [Read more about Noel here](#). This year, we've tasked Noel with three big goals -- build out our organization's infrastructure, hire our second Co-Executive Director, and ensure Girls Rock! DC's 2019 summer camp is a great success.

With an eye to the future, we want you to imagine what is possible. We hope our new leadership model allows us to reach far and beyond where we've been before. Picture it: Girls Rock! DC has our OWN space with practice rooms, instrument lending library, and performance space year round. This is totally possible, with the support of our community.

We cannot do this without all of you. We'd love to hear from you about where you'd like to see Girls Rock! DC in the next 1, 5, or 10 years. No idea is too big, small, or silly. [We're asking all GR!DC community members to share their vision for the future of Girls Rock! DC with this quick 5-minute survey](#). We can't wait to see what new and innovative ways our leadership structure and your ideas bolster the work we've been doing.

In solidarity and song,

Sara Fatell
Chair, Girls Rock! DC Board of Directors