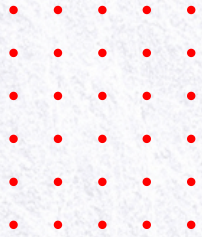


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Kearstyn

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Kearstyn Richardson draws inspiration from her experiences to improve the world. Beginning as a group project at Girls Inc., Keatstyn created Here for You, an app that virtually connects families with incarcerated relatives for milestones, celebrations and other shared experiences. Kearstyn’s father has been incarcerated for most of her life and she wanted to create a way for him to be present for her younger sisters. Kearstyn realized many other families with incarcerated relatives can benefit from this app and Here for You is being further developed. “Life is too short. We need to cherish every single moment,” Kearstyn reflected.

Kearstyn has dreamed of becoming an OB/GYN ever since her younger sister was born. As she wraps up her final year at Jackson State University, Kearstyn will be starting the medical school application process. During her 15 years at Girls Inc., Kearstyn was a recipient of the Betty Sims scholarship and learned about managing money and the importance of sisterhood. She has returned to Girls Inc. as a facilitator in the Economic Literacy course to impart the lessons she has learned to the next generation of young women at Girls Inc.