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Greetings friends!

Spring was an exciting and busy season at Rights4Girls. Check out some highlights from our last few months and learn about our latest efforts to center our girls.

Remembering Girls on International Women's Day

We were thrilled to celebrate International Women's Day this year with leading women's rights activists at Diane von Furstenberg's In Charge Celebration. **Rights4Girls Executive Director Yasmin Vafa** joined the revolutionary **Gloria Steinem** for a conversation on the state of women and girls rights in the US.



Yasmin Vafa on a panel with Gloria Steinem moderated by Noor Tagouri for Diane von Furstenberg's International Women's Day event.

DC Film Premiere

As a member of the DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence, **Rights4Girls** was honored to collaborate on the creation of **Nameless**, a 3-part documentary film series about the realities of child sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in DC. Nameless premiered during Sexual Assault Awareness month and is being screened throughout the DMV area. Check out the trailer [here](#).



Youth Workshop Series

In April, we welcomed our second cohort of amazing DC girls into our monthly workshop series, which they named *Life of Girls*. Created in partnership with the Georgetown Juvenile Justice Initiative, *Life of Girls* empowers girls of color who have been impacted by the juvenile or criminal justice systems to become their own powerful advocates for change in their communities. This spring, workshop topics included advocacy skills, gendered pathways into the juvenile justice system, domestic violence, and teen dating violence.

Presentations and Technical Assistance

We've continued to uplift the voices of marginalized girls by speaking and providing trainings and technical assistance to the communities that support them and systems stakeholders who are charged with serving them. **This spring alone, we reached over 1,000 practitioners through webinars, presentations, and workshops in states like Michigan, Georgia, California, Nevada, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, and DC.**



R4G's Yasmin Vafa on a panel with survivor leaders Jeri Moomaw and Audrey Morrissey at the World Without Exploitation National Conference in May 2019.

Supporting Survivors in DC

In March, we joined our good friends at [Courtney's House](#) and My Sisters My Friends for a **baby shower in honor of eight young survivors of child sex trafficking** in our community. We were so grateful to be able to show these incredible young women love and support as they embark on their journeys towards motherhood.



Rights4Girls in the News

Our pioneering report, *The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story*, continues to shape the conversation on justice reform for girls and young women. This spring, **our report was cited in [the Guardian](#), [USA Today](#) and [Teen Vogue](#) articles discussing the overcriminalization of girls of color.** In addition, R4G continues to be a [leading voice](#) on the Jeffrey Epstein child exploitation case by calling for justice for his victims.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of our work to defend the rights of our most vulnerable girls and young women.

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