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## Girls scholarship banquet focuses on female leaders

By The Times-Union Special to River City News,

The non-profit group Empowerment Resources Inc. will host a scholarship banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel to raise money for its Journey Into Womanhood Program.

Three community leaders from different age groups will speak about their own journeys into womanhood. They are: attorney Anjna Chauhan of the Johnson and Chauhan Group; Arvella Townsend, human service professional and co-host of the television program Joy In Our Town; and Lois Gibson, family health and wellness consultant and retired dean of Health Services at Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

The banquet also will feature girls talent performances and a scholarship presentation to the first graduate of the program.

Tickets cost \$40. For tickets or information, call 268-8287 or e-mail: power2succeed 2003@yahoo.com.

Empowerment Resources, established in 2002, focuses on making children and families stronger and helping them become community leaders. Its Journey Into Womanhood is for girls ages 12-17. The girls attend workshops, cultural field trips and undertake community service projects and learn about problems that confront girls as they grow older.

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