

## Press Release

### **girlZlikeme.com: National Online Magazine Created by 12-year-old Girl; Site Gives Girls a Safe Place to Be Special**

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 4, 2008 — This new Web site is making the Internet a little safer for younger girls, and it gives them the chance to be featured in an online magazine. Launched in May, girlZlikeme.com is 100% parent-approved.

The idea for girlZlikeme.com (<http://www.girlzlikeme.com>) came to Taylor Ramirez after her sister, Allie, submitted her photo to a national girls' magazine. The magazine's reply was that it only prints photos from professional models with agent representation. Seeing her sister's disappointment, Taylor decided to make a magazine where every girl could feel special. And that's just what girlZlikeme.com has become.

Girls nationwide and around the globe are sending in their photos, jokes, stories, art, and recipes. They are seeing themselves, as well as girls just like them, throughout the site. There are no airbrushed photos and no professional models; just real girls.

The magazine features a "Girl of the Week," where a girl is spotlighted along with fun facts about her. Other sections include: "Pets"; "BFF," with photos of girls and their best friends; "A Servant's Heart," which showcases a reader who serves others; "Fashion," where readers are pictured wearing their favorite outfits; "Art/Stories & Travel"; "Just for Fun," where readers will find jokes, recipes and funny photos submitted by other girls; and "girlZlikeme," which features photos of girls from around the world.

Taylor's whole family is involved in making the site fun for girls from ages six to 16. Dad, Tony Ramirez, handles the HTML. Allie and their mom give girls down-to-earth advice on girlZlikeme.com's "Ask Allie" page. The site contains no chat rooms or forums, and visitors cannot post comments on girlZlikeme.com. In fact, Taylor and her family decided girls would not even have to provide personal information or register to submit their photos and stories. Instead, girls wanting to be featured on girlZlikeme.com simply fill out an e-mail form. The site lists only their first names, ages and home states. girlZlikeme.com does not share readers' e-mail addresses with anyone.

"The big social networking sites just aren't safe for young girls," said Tony Ramirez. "Many parents will not allow their daughters to visit places like MySpace or YouTube. We wanted girlZlikeme.com to be different. It's a place where girls can read and see photos of themselves without the threat of contact by predators. Parents can feel comfortable about their daughters spending time on girlZlikeme.com."

"I hope girls from all over the world will share their lives and have fun with girlZlikeme.com," said Taylor. "I'm excited to share the magazine with girls and to let them know that they are special."

For more information visit <http://www.girlzlikeme.com> or visit the parent's page at <http://www.girlzlikeme.com/ParentsPage.html>

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