

Girls Inc. of Worcester Summer 2020

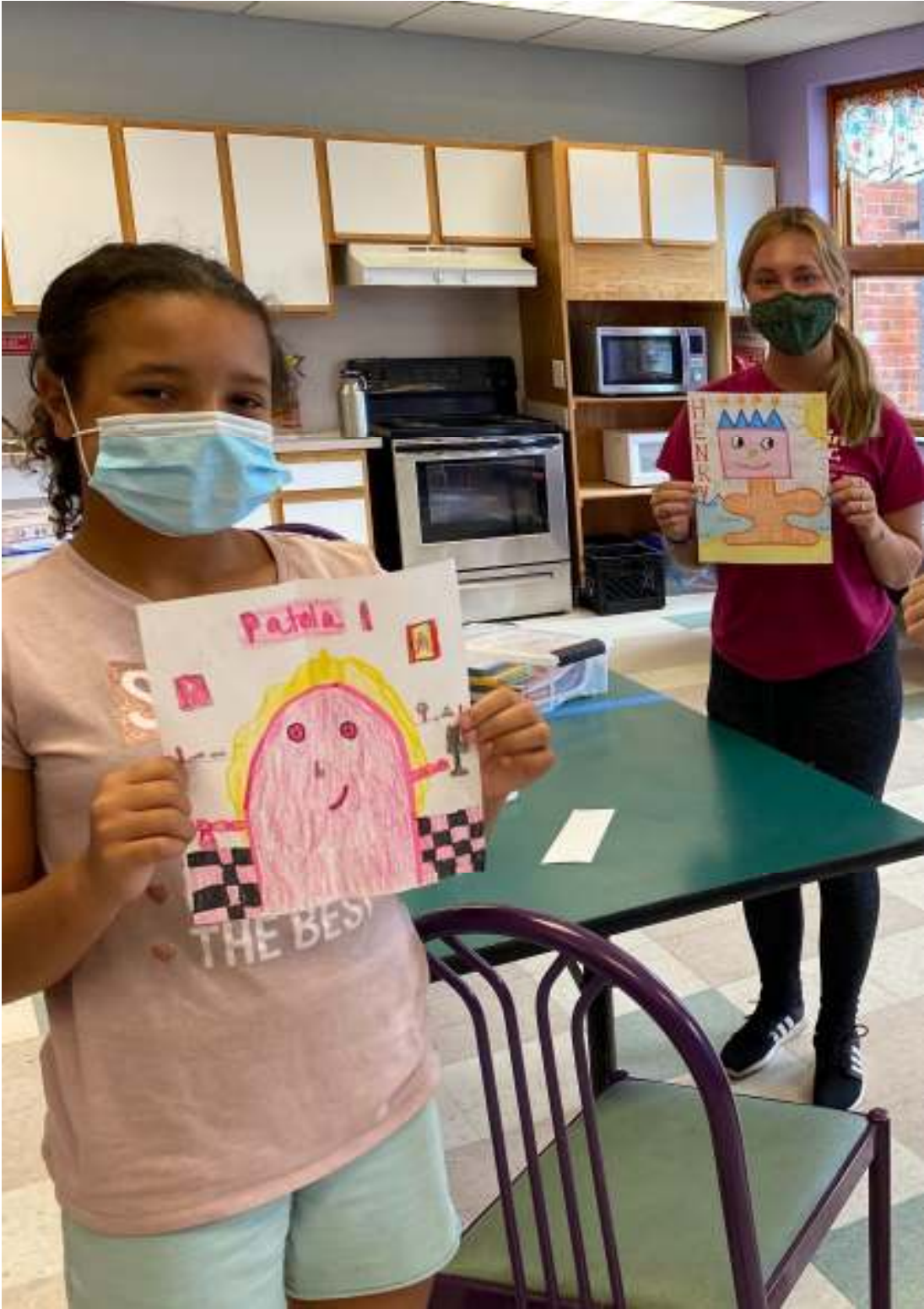
Emily* is a bright and friendly 11-year-old Girls Inc. girl who was excited to return this summer. As a regular attendee of our after-school program, Emily was excited to return to a safe and positive community after a difficult spring. Like many her age, Emily has experienced academic as well as social/emotional gaps during these past few months away from school and her friends. As staff worked with girls to build comradery, Emily became more confident and made close friends with other campers. She even chose to attend an additional week of camp to support a friend who was new to Girls Inc. of Worcester.



In this photo, the girls read “Where the Wild Things Are” and created their own “monsters” just like Max imagines in the book. Emily worked with the literacy coach to write stories with these creatures. Thanks to the support of Worcester Together Fund for Girls Inc. of Worcester’s summer programming, Emily accessed healthy meals, formed healthy bonds with her peers, grew more confident, and improved her literacy skills to ensure she is ready to return to school this fall. While the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic may not yet be known, meeting our girls’ basic needs and helping build their academic, social, and emotional skills, will help girls like Emily grow stronger, smarter, and bolder through this crisis.

*name changed for privacy

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Emily (left) and Meg (right) Girls Inc. summer staff