

Girl Powered

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I'm a fourteen-year-old girl from the ordinary city of Charleston, South Carolina. My parents divorced when I was six years old, and until I was about 8, it was just my mom and I, with a little help from my grandfather. Because of this, I had to learn how to take care of myself and mature a little earlier than most because my mom was off at work. The question, "what do you want to be when you grow up" always scared me because I didn't have any interests in any careers. I often said that I wanted to be a waitress cause I didn't know what was out there for me. When I was 11 or 12, my mom went back to college for engineering. I don't know what clicked in my brain that made me realize that I wanted to be some kind of engineer, but I remember wanting to be one from that point on. During the summer between 7th and 8th grade, my mom signed me up for the Robotics Summer Camp at West Ashley High School. I didn't know about any other Robotics program in the area, so I convinced my parents into letting me come here for the WARP Drive.

When I hear the phrase "girl-powered," I imagine girls working toward something that makes them happy, whether be robotics, engineering, cosmetology, or anything else that makes them happy and content with herself.