

PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc.

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## PEARLS for Teen Girls Named Catalyst Impact Partner by Stand Together Foundation

PEARLS for Teen Girls recognized for commitment to bottom-up empowerment, receives up to \$200,000 in grants over the next two years to accelerate their impact and transform how society thinks about solving our biggest problems.

**MILWAUKEE** - (February 5, 2025) — Today, PEARLS for Teen Girls was selected to join Stand Together Foundation's highly selective Catalyst Impact Grant Program to accelerate their impact and transform how society thinks about solving the greatest problems we face.

Program participants will receive access to Customer First Measurement, a results-driven approach to measurement that enables community organizations across the country to better understand the people they serve and make the biggest difference in their lives. They will also receive a grant for as much as \$200,000 over two years and custom coaching in Principle Based Management. This premier management framework enables organizations to directly integrate their principles in the way they lead, make decisions, execute strategies, and deliver results.

"At PEARLS, we have a variety of holistic programming efforts that work to make a positive difference in the lives of so many girls, and this grant is helping us do that," said PEARLS President and CEO Dr. Tiffany Tardy.

PEARLS was identified and selected to participate in the Catalyst Impact Grant Program for their demonstrated commitment to bottom-up empowerment rather than top-down control to advance new and better approaches to the issues they are solving.

This grant is supporting PEARLS to continue meeting each girls unique needs, such as: further investment in professional development for in-house mentors and other key intergenerational staff members working directly with girls; strategic planning of the organization to maximize its impact; and vital updates to its curriculum with data-driven information to continue to empower and enrich the girls of today with life skills, social emotional skills, media literacy, goal setting and college and career opportunities.

"We are excited to welcome our newest cohort of Catalyst Impact Partners who are transforming how our country approaches the greatest challenges facing our communities — from chronic



unemployment to addiction to homelessness to one-size-fits-all education systems that limit people's potential," **said Amber Fogarty, managing director for Stand Together Foundation.** "We look forward to working with these leading nonprofits committed to empowering individuals to reach their full potential through community-driven change."

Impact Partners will be expected to:

- **Build the movement toward empowerment**. Reject one-size-fits-all solutions and pioneer a future driven by empowerment among philanthropists and nonprofits.
- Advance a vision and management culture that empowers rather than controls. Impact Partners will focus on leveraging Principle Based Management to empower their employees to empower the people they serve. Principle Based Management provides a holistic approach to making decisions, solving problems, and creating value for individuals and society.
- Model a "customer-first" impact vision. Impact Partners will participate in Stand Together Foundation's pioneering measurement approach to understand impact through customer feedback.

Click here to learn more about the program and view a full list of Impact Partners.

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## **About PEARLS**

PEARLS for Teen Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young women in grades 5-12 through mentorship, leadership development, and life-skills programming. By fostering confidence, resilience, and ambition, PEARLS helps young women realize their full potential and become impactful leaders in their communities. For more information, visit www.pearlsforteengirls.com

## **About Stand Together Foundation**

Stand Together Foundation is dedicated to empowering individuals to reach their full potential through community-driven change. We are building a movement of social entrepreneurs who believe in people, work with individuals closest to the problem, and unite with anyone to do right. Through innovations that inspire Americans to help each other, they are building



stronger, safer communities where all people can learn, contribute, and live lives of meaning. Learn more at <u>StandTogetherFoundation.org</u>.