



Monthly Newsletter

Celebrating 20 Years of "Improving Our World, One Girl at a Time!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe we are celebrating our 20th year of "Improving Our World,

our advocacy, care and support services for at-risk girls of color.

During this first quarter of 2020, what would have been a kick-off to mark the beginning of a yearlong of celebratory events, we find ourselves grappling with a pandemic of epic proportions. We hope and pray that you are keeping safe and following the protocols and guidelines set forth by our government and the CDC, to help combat and stop the spread of COVID-19.

As we press our way through these uncertain times and practicing Social Distancing, Girl Power will continue doing everything within our power to support our girls and their families through all available resources.

I would like to thank our friends and supporters who have been with us since the beginning of our early days. A special thanks to those of you that became our champions, partners, made referrals, and believed in the power of investing in girls. Thanks for your efforts, friendship, contributions, love, support, understanding, inspiration, and encouragement.

We pledge to continue our legacy of “Improving Our World, One Girl at a Time for the next twenty years and beyond.

With all my love,
Thema Campbell
Founding President/CEO

RECENT EVENTS: BLACK HISTORY BRAIN BOWL



Each year, we hold a Black History Brain Bowl to get girls excited and eager to learn about the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout history, including the Middle Passage, Jim Crow, Civil Rights Movement, cultural and political achievements, and the brave men and women who helped shape Black History and American History.

Our dedicated staff help the girls prepare for approximately 4 weeks, studying up on significant Black History facts and figures.

This year's Brain Bowl was filled with friendly competition, cheering, laughter, and a greater awareness for Black History. Congratulations to all the girls for their diligent effort and enthusiasm!

Black History Brain Bowl Winners:

- 1st Place** – Agenoria S. Paschal/Olinda Elementary
- 2nd Place** – Brownsville Middle
- 3rd Place** – Georgia Jones Ayers Middle

FUNDER SPOTLIGHT:



We were very fortunate to be chosen by PPG Paints as this year's Colorful Communities recipient!

Top PPG executives from all over the globe traveled to Miami and made the commute to Richmond Heights Middle School, where we facilitate after school and summer camp programming. Over 100 PPG exec's rolled up their sleeves and beautify RHMS with a fresh coat of paint.

Girl Power was also presented with a \$25,000 check to further its programs and services, and RHMS also received a donation for the same amount!

We are so grateful to PPG for helping us beautify the school and for giving us the resources we need to bring quality programming and assisting us in "Improving Our World, One Girl at a Time"

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



This month, we don't have one particular student we'd like to spotlight. Instead, we'd like to shine the light on all the Girl Power girls, staff, board members, partners, parents and supporters who have shown the utmost strength and unity during this uncertain time.

We are doing everything in our power to keep the girls and our greater community safe. Each of us, in our respective homes, can lend a symbolic hand to supporting one another and staying united. We will get through this together and come out as a stronger community.

MENTORING CORNER



Mentoring Means the Most!!!!

All children can benefit from positive role models, however, many young girls of color need it more than others.

Research shows that youth who meet regularly with a mentor are **52% less likely** than their peers to skip school. Sister Circle mentors make an invaluable impact on their mentees' academic achievement, relationships, and career prospects.

Our [Sister Circle](#) mentors and mentees meet monthly in order to provide time to develop a consistent, positive, healthy relationship. We need more passionate, caring, dedicated women who are willing to spend time empowering a young girl.

Mentoring during the current pandemic period and while school is in recess, provide our girls with additional assurances and support while dealing with day-to-day challenges and makes them feel like they really matter.

Apply to be a Sister Circle mentor today!



Girl Power 20th Anniversary Celebration

20 years ago, Thema Campbell set out on a mission to create a safe and nurturing space for at-risk girls in our community. The result was Girl Power, a pillar of the Miami community that empowers young girls to reach their fullest potential.

We will be hosting a 20th Anniversary Celebration to honor the staff, board, partners and community members who have supported 20 years of "Improving Our World, One Girl at a Time."

While many elements of the event are still in flux due to the Coronavirus adjustments, we will be in touch with details about the event and a Save the Date invitation soon.

Stay Safe and Stay Tuned – This Too Shall Pass!

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