January 29, 2022 STEMS4Girls Family & Friends!

As we enter our fifth year, I am conscious of the role that you have played, and continue to play, in our success. 2021 was an amazing year for STEMS4Girls, but not without many challenges. Through your generous giving, prayers, technical assistance, and participation, we were able to turn stumbling blocks into ladders and make great strides.







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Despite the difficulties of the past couple of years, our volunteers, partners, and friends have found creative ways to continue expanding our mission. We have seen partnerships develop on a global, national, and local level. We have provided new opportunities and more creative ways to offer STEM literacy and tutoring services in science, technology, engineering, and math to more families. The increase in interest in our volunteer service program exceeded expectations, and enabled the creation of a youth volunteer service program. A continued increase in funding will ultimately give us a STEM youth club program and facility. And all of this has increased our exposure, leading to our acceptance as an Ambassador with #1 Million-GirlsinSTEM.

As the new year unfolds, we are at the beginning of our continued success and growth in 2022. The need for our mission, to bring high quality STEM learning opportunities to all children and youth who have limited access to after-school STEM learning, continues to grow, especially in underserved communities. So also does our reliance on your support. In 2022, with your help, we will expand our programming to provide more opportunities for more kids to thrive and grow in STEM education and careers. We will expand our volunteer participation, and form an alumni volunteer club. We are actively recruiting local residents to become board members, so if you or someone you know has the passion and drive to improve STEM education, get in touch! As we extend our reach, STEMS4Girls will become a familiar name in our community.

STEMS4Girls has become an intergenerational organization, which means that our kids get the advantage of the experience and perspective of older mentors. As the pictures above show, retirees, professionals, collegeage volunteers, our youth, and pre-K kids all come together in this grand experiment. All of the participants and the community at large benefit from this social recycling and inclusion. And it's another great reason to support our non-profit!

To accomplish the STEMS4Girls vision, we need not only your monetary support, but also your time, your ideas, and your help in spreading our message. The work we do, enabling our kids to embrace and succeed at the STEM curriculum, helps us all. But it's not just about what each of our students can accomplish, although that is what we do. And it's not just about what this mission does for the community. One day, one of our STEMS4Girls participants will solve a global problem, and make the world a better place, because of what you do for them today. And that's how we all win.

Very truly yours, Board of Directors, STEMS4Girls, Inc.

By: **Kaye Crawford** STEMS4Girls Executive Director