

November 1, 2019

Hello All

Spring back and Fall forward! The season is changing, leaves are falling, nights are longer, and STEMS4Girls is growing. It's harvest time! Where has the year gone? This brief update includes news of SG4's collaborations and partnerships that are providing supportive and enriching opportunities for our children's tangible academic and educational growth. In addition, further below you will find information about how you can participate in our upcoming Annual Giving Tuesday, "Girls Can!" dinner and live stage performance gala. We take pride in celebrating the children's academic achievements and individual growth through their personal experiences with STEM for Girls projects.

## **UPDATES**

On October 24th, S4G's in collaboration with the America Alliance Afterschool and the Boys and of BB

(BGCBB) held its 2nd "Lights On After School Programs - Science Expo."

This event was funded by a small grant from the Community Redevelopment Agency. Speakers Renee Gordon, Ph.D., and Nicolas Maddox, Executive Director of BGCBB, spoke ardently of the importance of stable places for children to be welcomed after they leave their day school experiences. They spoke adamantly about the growing relevance and appeal of STEM-related studies where children get to engage on a personal level. They emphasize the importance of afterschool programs like STEMS4Girls that offer information and activities that allow children opportunities to explore paths they can take to improve their STEM subjects skills and set goals. The Honorable Curtis Richardson, Mayor Pro Tempore, of the City of Tallahassee, wrapped up the event's



introductions by honoring Kaye Crawford, STEMS4Girls Founder, and declaring that day, October 24, Lights On Afterschool day.

Afterwards, local children were invited to interact at vendors' tables, each of which was prepared with an interactive STEM activity. After being fully engaged in some new STEM activities, and treats of hotdogs and cupcakes, the children departed in high spirits.

There is a short time remaining in the new academic semester. So we are gearing up to close out our Fall STEM Literacy Session. Then we will take a deep breath and make a note of our needs for sustaining and advancing our mission in the upcoming semester. In the interest of continuing our high standards of engagement with the children, we are now starting our year-end fundraising campaign. To that end, we are asking you to extend STEM4 Girls a helping hand. Please give.





Thank you
Of course, the final decision is yours.







## **EVENTS**

## Fall/Winter STEM Literacy Program

Shout Out to the Boys and Girls Club of Big Bend (BGCBB)! On October 12th we began the first of six

STEMLit sessions at the BGCBB Sunrise Place site.



We are planning content and hands on activities that will encourage interest in exploring and understanding more facts about Earth and Space. This session focused on the weather cycles.

Do you know of someone with expertise on this subject? If so, contact Kaye Crawford, at 850 688 2718.

Our amazing volunteers are providing 1 to 1 support.

**Save the Date!** December 3rd, Giving Tuesday, Four Points by Sheraton, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, a family friendly dinner and stage performance. The theme is Girls Can! Performer, Educator, and Author, Jessica Hebron, aka, Culture Queen, will perform "I Like the Me I See". Get your tickets early and / or sponsor one of our 20 STEMLIT participants. This is our largest fundraising event of the year.

With your support and encouragement, we will reach our goal of raising \$5,000.00. All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds from the event help support next year's operations.



**Sponsorships are being requested**. Hopefully, we have earned your respect over the past year and you would not mind helping us reach our \$5000 goal. Perhaps you may know of a potential sponsor or donor willing to take a risk and invest in a grassroots community afterschool STEM organization like STEMS4Girls whose STEPPING Up to make sure no child is left behind in STEM education. You are welcomed to call or write about sponsorship opportunities.

We appreciate you.

Blessings,

Kaye Crawford, President