



TWST4Girls Receives \$4,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy Initiatives

Houston, TX – **September 29, 2020** –Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded TWST4Girls a \$4,000 grant to support youth literacy initiatives. This local grant award is part of more than \$4 million in grants awarded this fall to nearly 850 nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools across the 46 states that Dollar General serves.

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TWST4Girls helps girls in the Houston community gain the concrete skills needed to succeed in life, we provide practical training to strengthen communication skills, etiquette, intelligence, wellness, and financial literacy. In addition to helping the girls with the technical aspects of life, we focus on skills that will motivate and enable them to succeed at a more personal level, including building their character, perseverance, leadership skills, focus, and growth mindset.

To ensure the youth remain on the path to their life goals and within satisfactory academic standing, TWST4Girls offers youth tutorial sessions 3 times weekly. Tutoring is available for a wide spectrum of classes such as English, Math, Science, Foreign Language, Swimming, Theatre, Geography and more therefore ensuring literacy on all levels of education.

“This year, many teachers, libraries and literacy organizations are facing new challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. “Despite the unprecedented obstacles, we admire the tremendous efforts and commitments from educators as they work to provide students with the tools they need to develop their literacy skills. We hope these funds will help support their plans to advance learning and deliver quality instruction in our hometown communities.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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