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HOUSTON, TX- TWST4GIRLS (Together We Stand Tall) is excited to announce their advancement in the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant program! The State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant is a program that awards \$25,000 grants to 40 dynamic organizations like ours across the United States. After a rigorous selection process TWST4GIRLS has been selected to advance to the voting round! The voting phase begins TODAY from 12:01 a.m. (EST) until October 2nd 11:59 p.m. (EST). Voters can vote up to 10 times per day every day for our cause and the winners will be announced November 4th.

So why should you cast your vote for **TWST4Girls**? Well, that's simple! **TWST4GIRLS** offers free mentorship and enrichment programs to at-risk youth and with your vote, we can continue to make this possible! Since the establishment of **TWST4GIRLS** in 2014, we have accumulated over 50,000 hours of service to the community and have served over 1.2 thousand children and families locally as well as internationally. With this grant **TWST4GIRLS** can support the various programs offered free of charge to underserved youth throughout Houston.

Since 2018, the Houston Independent School District facilitates over 300,000 students each year, a majority of which come from low-income households. Students of this background are less likely to participate in extracurricular activities and are more likely to be in remedial classes or drop out of school. Sadly, low-income families are often not able to invest in educational and enrichment activities due to their resources being devoted to housing, food, and healthcare. Comparatively affluent families, on the other hand, can invest both time and money towards the development of their children by providing them with support services to achieve good grades, enrichment experiences and the resources to attend college. **TWST4GIRLS** mission is to offer free mentorship and enrichment activities for unrepresented youth in Houston with the goal of creating opportunities and experiences that will help them achieve their full potential. Our youth are falling through the education and wealth gaps in Houston every day so **TWST4GIRLS** designed programs to empower boys and girls to realize their potential and provide them with the resources required to be successful.

With the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant, **TWST4GIRLS** will be able to support three programs offered for free to at-risk youth: (1) the Core Program, (2) the Enrichment Program; and (3) the Scholarship Program. The *Core Program* serves at-risk girls (ages 11-17) by providing 1:1 mentorship and tutoring; life skills development; as well as intellectual and cultural experiences. The *Enrichment Program* serves at-risk girls and boys (ages 8-17) by offering a 10-week series of life skills classes and community services led by a trained female facilitator at local schools. Lastly, the *Scholarship Program* offers girls who are nearing high school graduation a college visit; SAT/ACT test prep; resume and interview assistance; self-defense training; sex and healthy lifestyle education; service-learning opportunities; financial literacy workshops; and assistance with scholarship applications. Graduates of this program also receive a scholarship. In addition to our programs, The State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant would be used to expand our reach to service a greater number of youths within the Houston community. Help us make a lasting impact on the leaders of tomorrow by casting your vote for **TWST4GIRLS** today!

VOTE NOW!

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