

The Women's Foundation of Florida (WFF) is excited to host our 8th Annual Girls Leadership Institute & STEAM Academy (GLI/STEM) twice in 2017 with the support of a grant from the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. The first program was held on May 20, 2017 at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens. We are now preparing for our second program on September 16, 2017 at the Palm Beach State College campus in Belle Glade.

The Glades community is just 45 minutes from West Palm Beach, yet has a 40% unemployment rate. Help provide the girls of this community with an opportunity to develop a love for science, technology, engineering and math, which can lead to better employment opportunities in their future.

The free and interactive programs provide training and support for underserved girls in PBC. The program is aimed at developing middle and high school girls' leadership skills and passion in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). We will provide this program for 100 girls and their parents in the Glades community with your help.

The WFPBC is looking for companies in STEAM fields and other community partners to participate in the September 16th program in a number of different ways.

1. **STEAM Fair**: We invite companies and organizations to set up a table during breakfast to provide information about the STEAM work you do. We also ask that you have someone at the table to answer questions and speak with participants.
2. **STEAM Project Workshops**: We are looking for volunteers to lead workshops. Each will guide a group of girls through a STEAM based project. Some examples include building a bridge from food products or building a robot or designing a website. The student groups will work with the project leaders from your company.
3. **Women in STEAM Careers Lunch Program**: We are looking for women who are currently working in a STEAM career to share their experience and passion with participants during the lunch hour as part of a "speed mentoring" program.
4. **STEAM Follow-Up Field Trips**: We are identifying local STEAM activities where girls and their parents can come as a follow up field trip in PBC. Maybe your company can arrange a tour of your facility or you are a nature preserve or a museum with special STEAM exhibits.

5. **After-School Programs & Internships**: We are identifying after-school STEAM programs where girls can receive continuing enrichment and we also want to share STEAM internship programs with the girls.
6. **Become a Sponsor**: Your financial support helps us bring this program to more girls and allows us to follow up in deeper and more comprehensive ways.

Please complete this short online form <https://tinyurl.com/GLISTEM2017> to share your interest in participating in the September 16, 2017 Girls Leadership Institute & STEAM Academy. You can learn more about the Women's Foundation on our website WomensFoundationFL.org.

We will be holding an informational call this Wednesday, August 2 at 12pm. Please let me know if you are able to join the call, and I will send you the information.

If you have any further questions please contact [561-309-2781](tel:561-309-2781) or email takeata@womensfoundationfl.org.