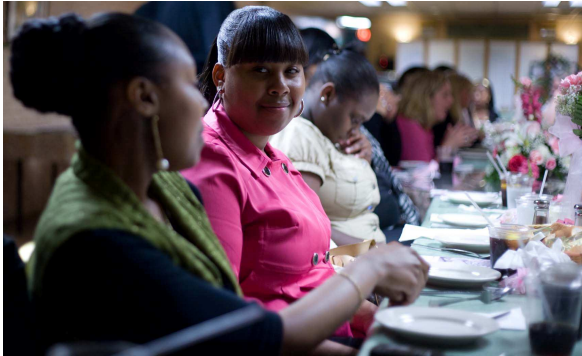


Girl Empowering Girls: Perry Pearls

Year One: October 2008 - February 2009

Year Two: October 2009 - February 2010



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Program Description

Girls Empowering Girls is a mentoring program for young women at Perry High School that is designed to teach life skills and bolster self esteem. It is a facet of the Perry Pearls program, which pairs disadvantaged female students with adult female mentors.

The program consisted of 14 weekly workshops held at Perry High School and featured guest speakers from the Northside community. Topics for discussion were vital issues essential to adolescent females becoming successful young women. The program served females in grades 9 - 12. *Girls Empowering Girls* culminated in a dinner at Dell's in Bloomfield on April 30, 2009.

The ultimate goal of the project was to encourage the girls to strive for success in life. This was achieved through engaging in lectures, discussions, research projects, community service projects and reflective journal writing. At the conclusion of the scheduled events and activities, each participant was asked to complete an evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Due to the success of this program, the Northside Microgrant program awarded *Girls Empowering Girls* additional funding in 2009.

Collaborative Partners

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