

chicago foundation for women

The Rev. Willie Barrow Emerging Leaders Award Description

Gyrls in the H.O.O.D. Foundation		Amount: \$25,000
<p>Project Name: General Operating Support</p> <p>Organization Description and Proposed Use of Funds: The H.O.O.D.'s mission is to reduce the rates of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies among teenage girls residing in urban areas considered "hood". It does this through its signature program, Degrees B4 Diapers. This 12 week program provides comprehensive sex education while also equipping participants with the tools needed to delay childbirth prior to starting their careers. Participants who complete the program receives a pair of shoes from community partner DTLR, feminine hygiene products, and a graduation ceremony. The second component of its organizations is Community Service. Its service squad plans and implements regular community service projects around the city. Lastly, the Gyrls in the H.O.O.D. Foundation also aims to shine a light on teenage girls who continue to excel despite their circumstances. It accomplishes this through its annual "She's So H.O.O.D." Award Showcase.</p>		