



# LET'S GET IN FORMATION: A Black Girls Summit

Experience a creative presentation of data on issues and solutions surrounding black girl issues as seen through the eyes of our own Black Girls here in Columbus.

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

9:30 a.m.: Registration

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Program

Ohio Dominican University

Bishop Griffin Center

**Key Presentations:** Legacy: What is the Future for Black Girls? and, Being in a Black Girl's Body



# RISE SISTER RISE NETWORK Good News Now!

## PLACING BLACK GIRLS AT PROMISE

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# My Voice Matters: A Think Tank for Black Girls

Focusing on the real issues Black girls face. Creating a forum to hear the voices of our girls.

The Rise Sister Rise Network has established a process for the voices of Black girls to be heard. Over the past nine months, girls have been invited by the Rise Sister Rise Network to meet and talk about the issues and concerns of Black girls based on the Rise Sister Rise research data.

The think tank process began with 143 girls talking with each other in small groups at the annual Rise Sister Rise Conference for Girls in December 2015.

attention:

- A. The role of girls in their family and meeting expectations.
- B. What does the future look like for Black girls? Why do they worry about it?
- C. Bullying and Colorism



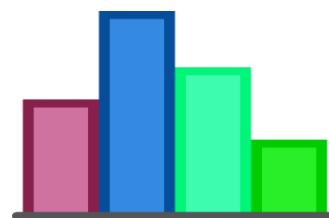
Most recently the girls have received training in national programs to help develop their gifts and talents and become skilled leaders.

On November 19, 2016, the girls will present their findings and cultural arts activities centering on the themes of their work. Funding from the ADAMH Board of Franklin County will support this initiative.

We appreciate your support of our work and the "Promise" of our girls.



The girls have identified three specific areas of their lives that they said needed more



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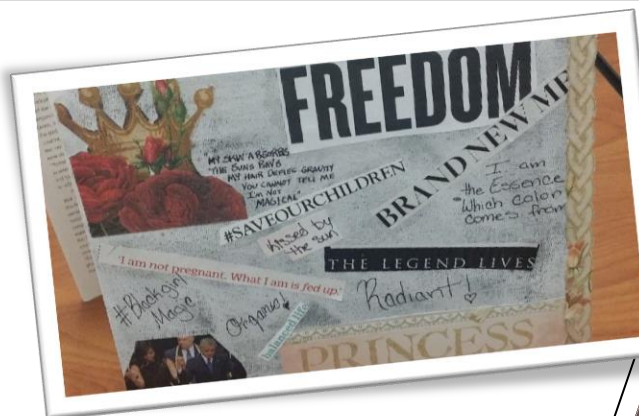
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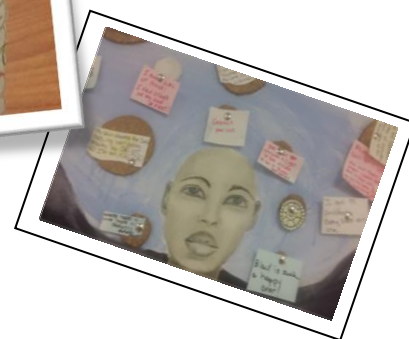
**BLACK GIRLS THINK TANK (CONT.)**



Physical and Mental Self-defense class taught by Impact Safety



Artwork created by girls with the assistance of Creative Women of Color



# Data from the Rise Sister Rise Research Project Informs the Work of the Think Tank\*

**81%** of girls surveyed report trying hard and doing their best at school

**48%** of girls report spending at least one hour doing homework every day

**23%** of girls report reading at least 3 hours a week for fun

**43%** of girls report having control over things that happen to them and finding a way to make things better when they do not go well

**77%** report it important for them to accept responsibility for their actions

**85%** report valuing helping others, making the world a better place

**21%** report seeking to resolve conflict non-violently

**59%** feel that their life has purpose

**When asked what they like about themselves:**

**88%** like their intelligence

**73%** like the color of their skin/complexion

**The top 3 things girls would change about themselves:**

**36%** would change their body

**28%** would change their grades

**27%** would change their hair

**Sources:**  
Search Institute's Survey on the Developmental Assets: Profiles of Student Life – Adolescent Attitudes and Behavior

Child Behavior Checklist – Youth Self Report; The New York City Black Girls survey; Recent Exposure to Violence Scale



**\*Based on 101 girls surveyed in Franklin county**

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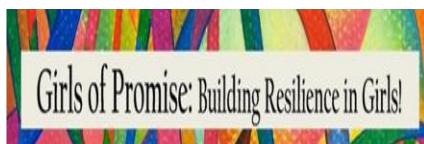


# RSR Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual REAL Women Tea

On a sunny Sunday afternoon on July 31, 2016, the Rise Sister Rise (RSR) Network hosted the 4th Annual Real Women Tea at the beautiful Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus. The purpose of this annual tea is to highlight initiatives led by RSR focused on girls in Columbus and to raise funds to continue programs.



This year's theme was "Strong Shoulders for Strong Girls". The highlight of the event was a panel comprised of girls from our newly formed Think Tank for Black Girls, sharing their challenges, hopes and aspirations of black girls today. Many thanks to the 64 women who attended and made contributions towards the Rise Sister Rise programs. You are the REAL Women of Columbus!



## Become a Rise Sister Rise Network Partner

The work of the Rise Sister Rise Network (RSRN) could not be possible without the support of and collaboration with numerous organizations who's visons/missions complement that of the network.

Current partners include:

- Central Community House
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women Central Ohio Chapter
- The Divine Nine Sororities
- Malaika Program of Franklin County Children Services
- OSU's African American and African Studies Community Extension Center
- Women's Workfcf
- Creative Women of Color



All of these and more have invested in our RSRN girls' lives in numerous ways such as, financial support for events and activities, providing educational and creative programming as well as in-kind gifts and contributions of goods or services.

Being a network partner comes with many benefits including networking contacts, resource sharing, discounted provisions, event hosting, advertising and promotional opportunities and social media sharing. Speaker, panelist and facilitation opportunities are available as well as invitations to all conferences, summits and girl policy forums. In addition, organizations that support girls can have their 11-18-year-olds participate in both the Black Girls Think Tank and the annual Black Girls Winter Conference.

Most importantly, organizations have the opportunity to support Placing our Girls at Promise!

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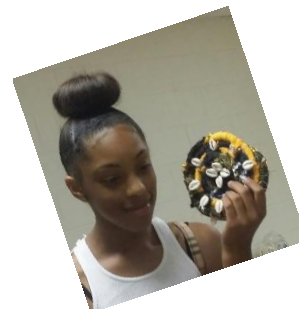
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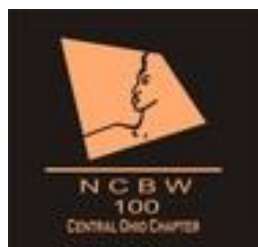
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