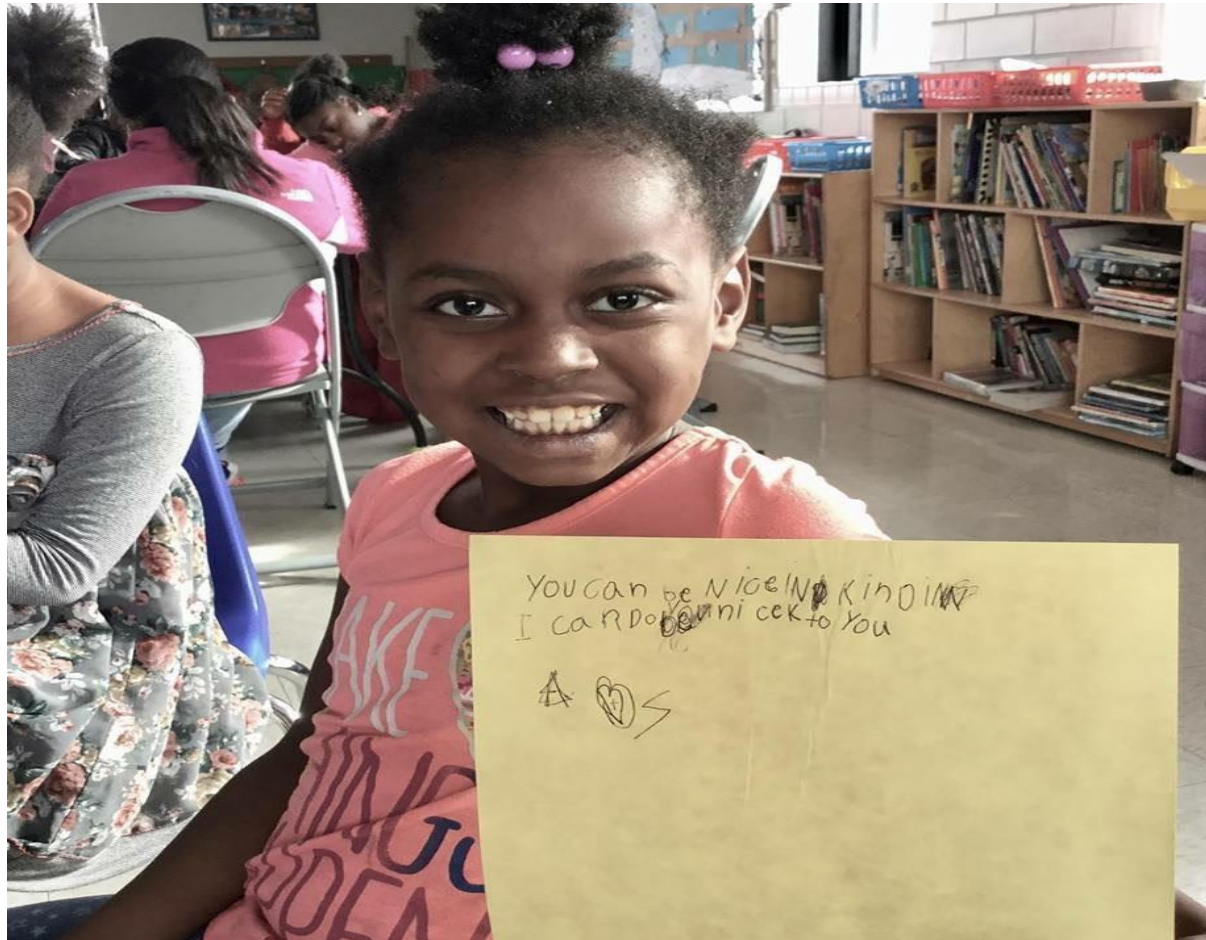




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# What is the quality of life for Black girls in our program?



# The quality of life for girls we serve vary from girl to girl!



- We have girls that come from two-parent homes
- that live in suburban areas, attend suburban school districts and afforded with opportunities to develop as any one of us would want
- These girls have some age-appropriate idea of who they are, and what they desire to become.
- Some girls are excelling academically, and some are academically behind



- We have girls that are in single parent homes where Mom or Dad spend a lot time at work to provide for their basic needs
- Some girls attend public/city or home and alternative schools
- Some are excelling academically and some are behind in the core skills of reading, writing and comprehension

# What can the Commission and the Community do to improve the quality of life for Black girls?

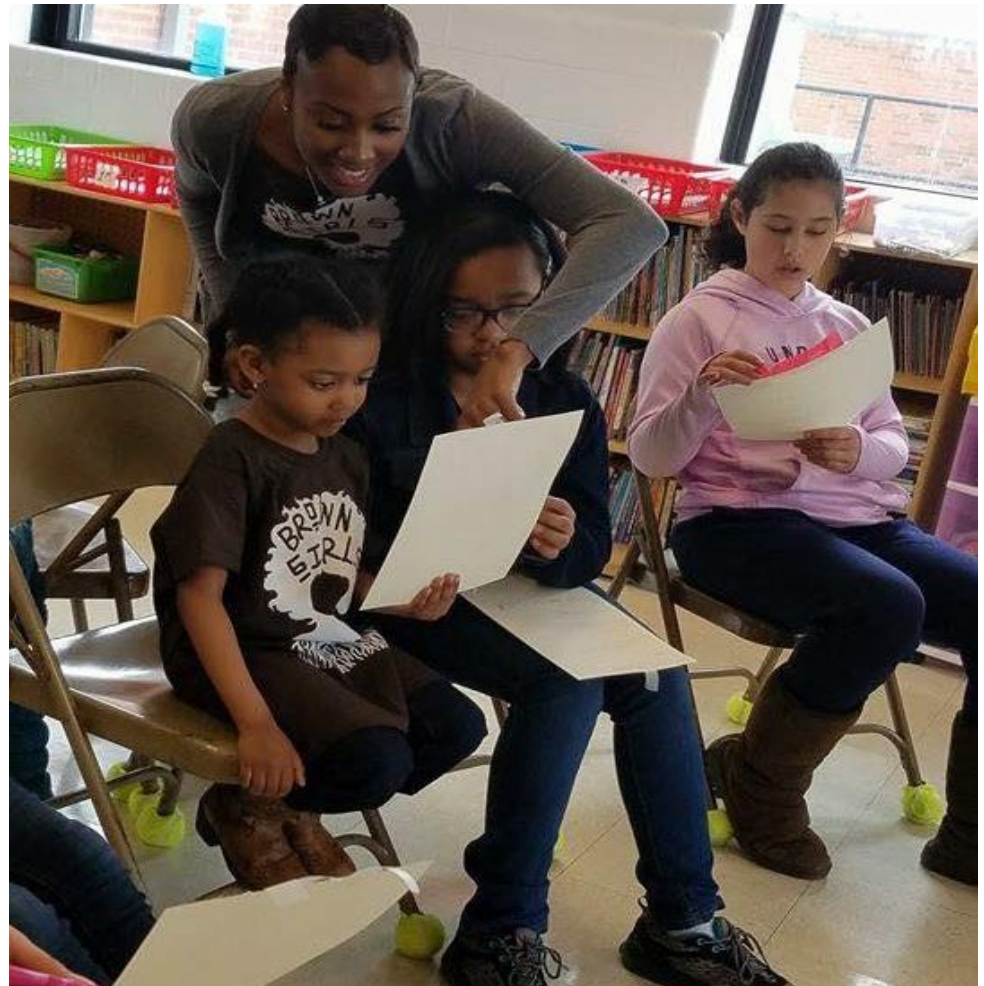


## Funding for Mentoring programs like *Brown Girls Mentoring*

- We operate out of our own pockets, via social media and the donations of love from the community
- This year we had to implement a material fee... but it still isn't enough
- There's so much more of this big world (we call Columbus)...that we would like to expose the girls to!

# What can the Commission and Community do to improve the quality of life for Black girls?

- Increase, invest and involve yourselves and others in After School and Summer Reading Programs
- We have witnessed girls who are reading under grade level for many reasons including the lack of study time in school, not reading at home or inability to get to the library



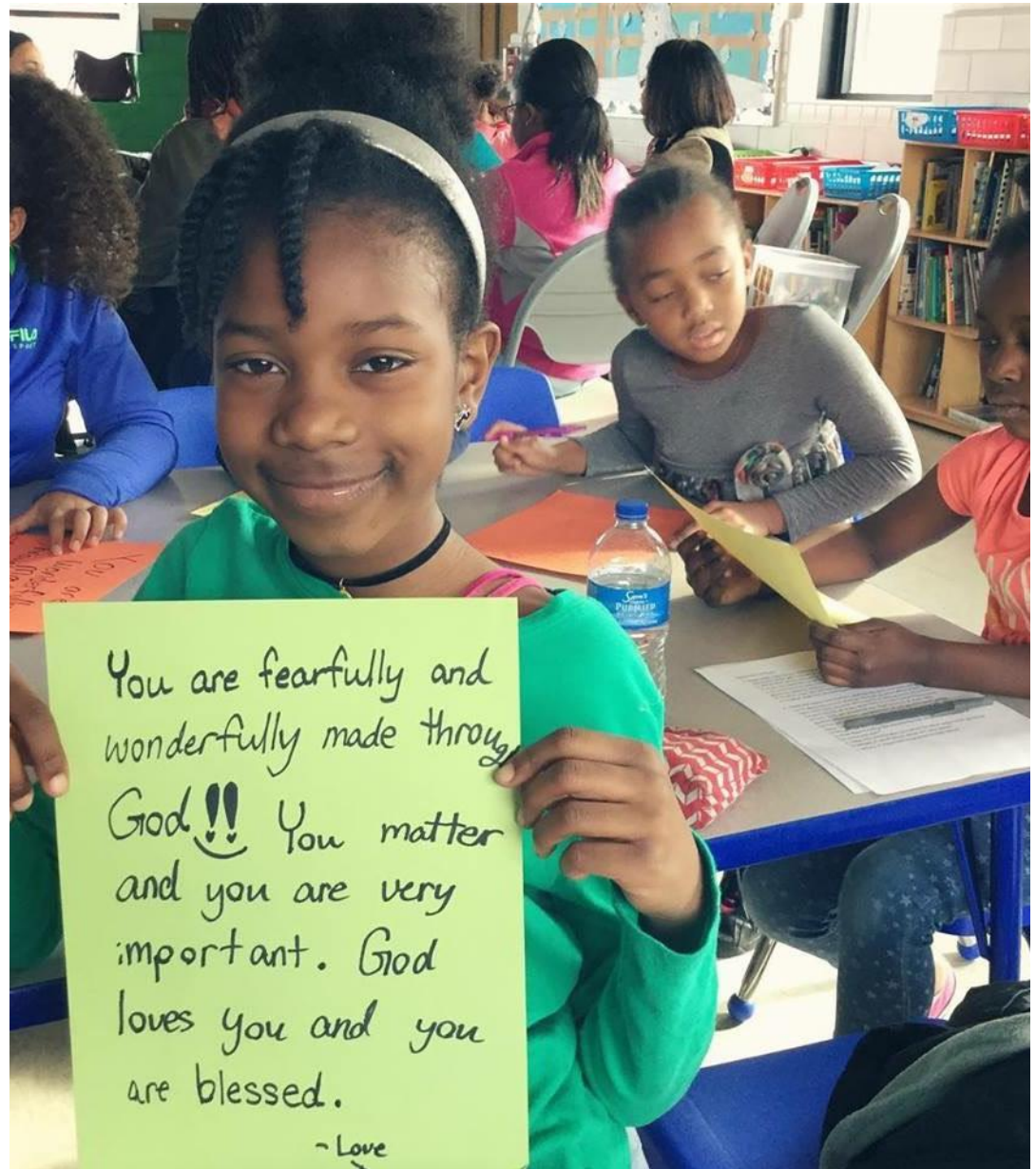


## After School Programs

We need more after school programs to give our girls a safe space to grow, develop & build confidence in they're learning. With women who look like them, or women who respect where our girls come from

# Community Gardens

- Most girls don't eat or don't have a healthy diet because of the lack of resources
- Most families are trying to make meals stretch so they're not focused on the health content of food
- When you have a healthy diet... you feel better, and can be more productive!



You are fearfully and  
wonderfully made through  
God!! You matter  
and you are very  
important. God  
loves you and you  
are blessed.  
-Love





*Any  
Questions?*