

# We are creating space for Black girls to dream dreams wide enough for JOY.

During a series of listening sessions held across 12 states, Black girls told the Consortium about their needs and perceptions of themselves in this country. Black girls recognized many internal and external barriers that could disrupt their dreams. Our data tells us that girls are aware, and concerned, about systemic inequalities, namely racism, but more importantly, when given the opportunity to envision a world that values Black women and girls --- the space to state their needs/wants for themselves, but also for the communities in which they live --- girls dreamed for

- Themselves: Empowerment, Learning Experiences, Counseling, Mentoring, Healthy Relationships
- For their Communities Place/space, Healthcare and health-related needs, Workforce development, Equity, Safety

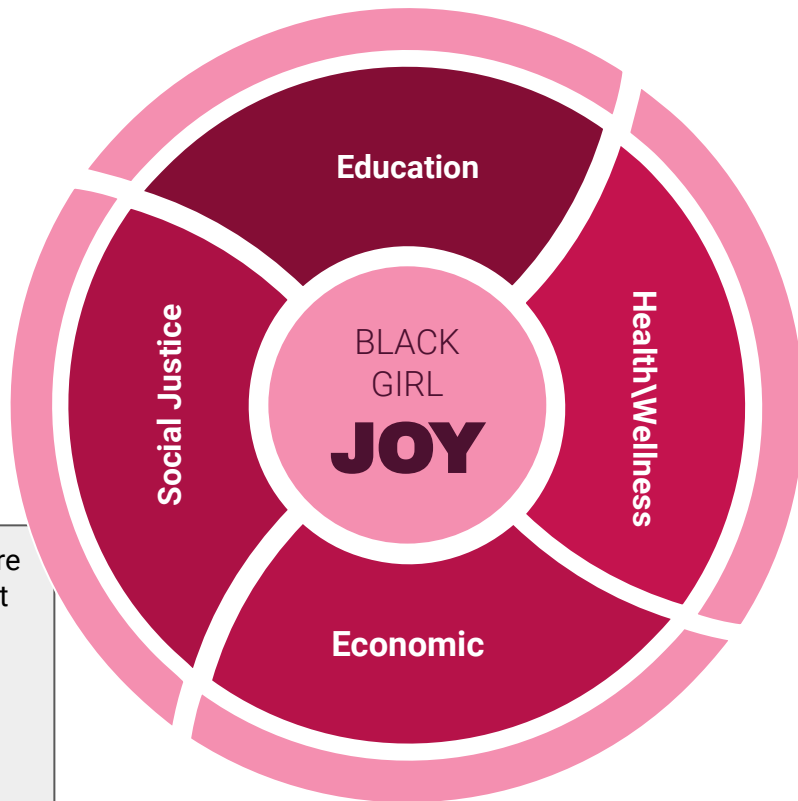
Black girls are shaping the culture of the world, but we send them off to institutions where their dreams are narrowed to the fundamentals. This has to change. Girl-Center Philanthropy creates space for Black Girl Joy.

Joy is essential to the **Preservation of Black Girlhood.**

# JOY is essential to Preserve Black Girlhood

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - Black girls and women are provided opportunities to engage in activities that improve and uplift their communities in the spirit of justice and equity, and support their self-determination

- Advocacy
- Equity
- Systemic Inequalities



**ECONOMIC:** Black girls and women are provided opportunities and/or support to participate in career development and training, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy and wellbeing.

- Workforce Development
- Incubators
- Financial Literacy
- Entrepreneurship/Social Entrepreneurs

**EDUCATION:** Black girls are afforded opportunities to explore, travel, and learn within and beyond the experiences provided by their local schools and communities.

- Cultural Exposure
- Tutoring/ After School
- Expanding Social Networks

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:** Black girls and women are provided safe, nurturing, and healing preventive and curative experiences by trained and caring health professionals (i.e., physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual)

- Counseling
- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Safety / Safe Space (to be)
- Health Services Access