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We Are Family Foundation Announces 2018 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders

33 global teens taking global issues in their own hands convene in New York City

NEW YORK, NY, January 18, 2018 – We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) is proud to announce the 2018 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders (GTLs), representing 11 countries on 4 continents. Carefully selected and curated from hundreds of applicants, these 33 13–19 year-old teens are innovating technology to improve healthcare, developing agricultural solutions to increase food security, promoting unity and tolerance to bridge the current political divide and equalizing education access for students everywhere. They are addressing some of the world’s most pressing issues across the spectrum.

Celebrating 10 years of the Three Dot Dash global teen leader initiative, WAFF is honored to partner with SAP and bring their unique expertise in innovation learning to the 2018 GTLs.

“Meeting and working with the Global Teen Leaders who come through our door is absolutely one of the most important things in my life. It's almost impossible to explain how enriched I am by each and every GTL. I have watched Three Dot Dash develop from just an idea, into what is now a successful program that's 10 years strong. I'm so proud and honored to be surrounded by such an amazing group of young people changing the face of this world for good. Our partnership with SAP over the years has enriched all of us, and we are honored to work with them in our 10th year.” – Nile Rodgers, Founder and Chairman, We Are Family Foundation

“To help the world run better and improve people’s lives is our enduring purpose at SAP. We couldn’t be prouder to partner with the We are Family Foundation on the 10th anniversary of the Three Dot Dash Program, supporting young social entrepreneurs to tackle some of the most pressing issues of humanity. It’s fascinating to see what ingenious solutions these Global Teen Leaders came up with. Really inspiring!” – Juergen Mueller, Chief Innovation Officer at SAP

The 2018 GTLs are: Abu Qader (USA), Akshaya Dinesh (USA), Amanda Southworth (USA), Amine Soufaih (Morocco), Annie Lu (USA), Aryaman Khandelwal (USA), Averina Suwana (Indonesia), Carisa Shah (USA), Ciara-Beth Griffin (Ireland), Clara Nevins (USA), David Kobrosky (USA), Emily Duffy (Ireland), Erin Smith (USA), Godwin Egba (Nigeria), Jathusha Mahenthirarajan (Canada), Jefferson Kang'acha (Kenya), Jothi Ramaswamy (USA), Kyla Guru (USA), Leander Ganzert (Germany), Lewis Wanyeki (Kenya), Marcus Deans (Canada,
UK), Mirabelle Morah (Nigeria), Mridul Manas (India), Neiman Mathew (USA), Kiara Nirghin (South Africa), Paige Brown (USA), Prathik Naidu (USA), Sabah Hussain (USA), Sanjana Akula (USA), Sharon Lin (USA), Sneha Dave (India, USA), Harshu Musunuri (India, USA), Thami Hoza (South Africa).

The 2018 GTLs will convene in New York City March 2 – 9, 2018 for Three Dot Dash’s 10th Annual Just Peace Summit.

About Three Dot Dash
Three Dot Dash is a global youth initiative of We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) inspired by the late New York Times best-selling poet and peacemaker, 13-year-old Mattie J.T. Stepanek. It is a year-long social entrepreneur incubator and mentoring program designed to amplify the work of young people successfully addressing issues related to basic human needs (education, environment, food, health, safety, shelter, water), and having a positive impact on our global communities. “Peace is possible if our basic human needs are met.” – Mattie J.T. Stepanek

About We Are Family Foundation
We Are Family Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded by legendary musician Nile Rodgers and is dedicated to the visions of a global family by creating programs that promote cultural diversity while nurturing and mentoring the vision, talents and ideas of young people who are positively changing the world.

For more information, please visit threedotdash.org and wearefamilyfoundation.org

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