



FOR TEEN GIRLS INC.



# Shining PEARLS Newsletter

## JANUARY 2012

### PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc. Monthly ENewsletter

#### Precious PEARLS...



#### Miss Yasmeen Harris

Yasmeen is a sophomore at West Allis Central High School and attends PEARLS at our YWCA group site.

Yasmeen is a beautiful example of what it means to set and achieve goals.

She focused in on academics this past semester and accomplished what she set out to do...achieve at least a 3.0 gpa! She is actively involved in music and dance and enjoys volunteering in the community.

Like many of us, I have long ago vowed to not do New Year's resolutions in January; don't want to set myself up for failure, don't want to over commit, don't want to really work out regularly, etc. However, I recently read an article in *The Wall Street Journal* by Katherine Rosman entitled "[It's Jan. 1. I Resolve to Change...Quite a Bit.](#)" Maybe you saw it too. I reflected on the fact that 2012 will be an exciting growth year for **PEARLS** and that for me as leader of our organization, I really do need to commit or resolve to change and grow myself. We ask so much of the girls we serve and especially for them to be open to change and improvement to support their growth and development and to ensure that they will be successful in life.

So, I checked out Katherine's list again and decided to "resolve" to do two of the items on her list. I will resolve to make and bring lunch to work once a week and to pay my bills on time. Now these may seem like, duh, no-brainer items. However, each of us should find those "things" or opportunities to change for the better. For each of us, it is a personal decision as to what changes will be most meaningful. I invite each of you to be the change you want to see and commit and resolve to help change our community for the better, "quite a bit."

Sincerely,

Danae D. Davis  
Chief Executive Officer

## PEARLS Alumnae in the Spotlight...



### Miss Jamila McGee

Jamila is currently a sophomore Psychology major at Howard University. She has served as a summer intern with the Helen Bader Foundation here in Milwaukee and has added great value to their work in our community.

*"When Jamila joined us last summer through the City of Milwaukee's Earn and Learn program, she brought more than just a great spirit to our team, but also a passion for community issues. All of us at the Helen Bader Foundation were impressed by her attitude and abilities. We are certain her future is bright."*

*Robert Tobon  
Communications Director  
Helen Bader Foundation, Inc.*

## PEARLS Partners of the Month...



**THANK YOU for your continued support!**

## 2012 PEARLS Women Inspired to Lead Event



Please join us for an intimate conversation about what it means to be moved to leadership. Our panel features four amazing Milwaukee women leaders who will share their personal stories in an informal setting moderated by WISN Channel 12 news anchor, [Portia Young](#).

### Women Inspired to Lead Event Co-Chairs:

[Tonit Calaway](#) - Harley-Davidson, Inc.

[Michelle Nettles](#) - MillerCoors

### Our distinguished panel will include:

[Danae Davis](#) - CEO, PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc.

[Shaqueda Jenkins](#) - PEARLS Alumna, Benedict College Junior

[Kathy Mykleby](#) - News Anchor & Journalist, WISN

[Diana Waterman](#) - Attorney & Lobbyist, Waterman & Assoc.

**Thursday, March 1, 2012 .. 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Hyatt Regency Milwaukee**

**333 West Kilbourn Avenue**

[Click here to reserve your spot!](#)

## PEARLS Spring 2012 Site Partners

PEARLS maximizes impact, effectiveness, and efficiency by working in collaboration with Milwaukee Public and Charter Schools, Milwaukee Parental Choice Schools and other youth-serving organizations to provide PEARLS programs directly within the places where teen girls already meet. PEARLS Spring 2012 site partners include the following organizations:

[Business & Economics Academy of Milwaukee \(BEAM\)](#)

[CEO Leadership Academy](#)

[Doerfler School](#)

[Hamilton High School](#)

**PEARLS  
Volunteer of the  
Month...**



**Miss Jemirah Rogers**

Jemirah has been a tremendous help to the PEARLS team. Her focus includes assistance with events, marketing, communications, and research. Thank you for your dedication to PEARLS!

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**Interested in Volunteering?**



Contact [Glenna Scholle-Malone](#) to learn how.  
414.265.7555, x113

PEARLS for Teen Girls is committed to being the community's signature program for maximizing girls' self-development. True girl/adult partnerships result in building and living PEARLS attributes: **P**ersonal Responsibility, **E**mpathy, **A**wareness, **R**espect, **L**eadership and **S**upport.



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