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We Are Family Foundation Announces 2019 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders

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

NEW YORK, NY, January 17, 2019 – We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) is proud to announce the 2019 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders (GTLs), representing 15 countries on 6 continents. Carefully selected and curated from hundreds of applicants, these 32 13–19 year-old teens are innovating technology and harnessing creativity to keep our water systems clean, rethink approaches to cancer research, put youth at the forefront of civic engagement, transform urban forestry industries, and use machine learning to tackle modern day crises, among other vital challenges. They are addressing some of the world’s most pressing issues across the spectrum.

Celebrating 11 years of the Three Dot Dash, WAFF is honored to continue its partnership with SAP and welcome new partner, Musings, founded by Susan Rockefeller, who is supporting and collaborating with WAFF to create a more sustainable, and green, Three Dot Dash program.

“I am inspired each year to meet and work with the Global Teen Leaders who join our family. It’s one of the most important parts of my life. Just listening to their voices and their ideas gives me a huge amount of hope. And, I have been known to say, ‘if our summit took place during the apocalypse, our teens would have the technical knowhow to survive and rebuild.’ With their innovative and creative minds, they are changing the world for the better of all of us on the planet. We are honored again this year to have SAP as our partner to nurture and support the new generation of socially conscious humans.” – **Nile Rodgers**, Founder & Chairman, We Are Family Foundation

“It is an honor to partner with We Are Family Foundation and support its Three Dot Dash global teen leader initiative. Our organizations are committed to equip young people like the Global Teen Leaders with the skills needed to tackle society’s problems and to turn the world’s greatest challenges into our biggest opportunities. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow and it is our duty to make them ready for what lies ahead.” – **Alexandra van der Ploeg**, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Global Corporate Affairs



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“As a Board Member of WAFF, I have continuously been impressed and inspired by the Three Dot Dash program and the innovative visions of the Global Teen Leaders. I am thrilled to partner with Three Dot Dash this year through my online sustainability platform, Musings, to ensure a more environmentally friendly experience and further empower the GTLs to protect the health of people and the planet through their game-changing work.” – **Susan Rockefeller**, Founder of Musings

The 2019 GTLs are: [Alana Mulligan](#) (Ireland), [Amonge Sinxoto](#) (South Africa) [Anna Pertl](#) (Germany; Austria), [Archika Dogra](#) (USA), [Ari Sokolov](#) (USA), [Audrey Pe](#) (Philippines), [Brian Kariuki Kamenju](#), (Kenya), [Chiara Amisola](#) (Philippines), [Danish Mahmood](#) (Canada), [Diana Vicezar](#) (Paraguay), [Faith Florez](#) (USA), [Hasham Tanveer](#) (Pakistan), [Hunter Williams](#) (New Zealand), [James Wellemeyer](#) (USA; UK), [Kesava Kirupa Dinakaran](#) (India), [Lucas Scherpel](#) (Brazil), [Mahika Halepete](#) (USA), [Malcolm Asher](#) (USA), [Marissa Sumathipala](#) (USA), [Melissa Khasbagan](#) (USA), [Peyton Klein](#) (USA), [Priya Mittal](#) (USA), [Priyanka Shrestha](#) (Nepal), [Rocío del Mar Avilés-Mercado](#) (Puerto Rico, USA) [Sarah Chadwick](#) (USA), [Shreya Nallapati](#) (USA, India), [Tanishq Kumar](#) (USA), [Teevyah Yuva Raju](#) (USA), [Veenadhari Kollipara](#) (USA), [Viraj Mehta](#) (USA), [Zain Samdani](#) (India), [Ziyaan Virji](#) (India).

The 2019 GTLs will convene in New York City March 8 – 15, 2019 for WAFF’s 11th Three Dot Dash Just Peace Summit.

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.

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

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

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About Musings

Founded in 2017 by Susan Rockefeller, Musings is a bi-monthly newsletter and digital magazine that curates ideas and innovations that pave the way for a more sustainable future. Musings highlights businesses that offer toxin-free, eco-friendly, and purpose-driven products that are better for people and for the environment. It also features interviews with thought-leaders in the philanthropic and social impact space to empower readers with inspirational sound-bites, strategic calls to action, and impactful takeaways for a better world. Musings has partnered with leading non-profits and researched-based organizations in the categories of fashion, food, home, health, and beauty to offer vetted insight, certifications, and standards for the businesses we feature. For more information please visit www.musingsmag.com

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