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# Nile Rodgers' We Are Family Foundation Announces 2021 Global Teen Leaders

40 global teen leaders to virtually gather around the planet's most pressing issues

New York, New York, April 28, 2021 - We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) is proud to announce the 2021 Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leaders (GTLs), representing 16 countries on 6 continents. Forty (40) teens were carefully chosen out of hundreds of applicants for their social good innovations, organizations, projects and promise for a more just, equitable and peaceful future.

These remarkable young people are: Creating pipelines into the tech sector for marginalized groups; Translating climate change resources to bridge education and understanding; 3D printing COVID respirators for more equitable access to life saving materials; Combatting the taboo surrounding menstrual, sexual and reproductive health; Leading intergenerational conversations to better understand global history; Tackling inherent racist bias in medicine...and many other issues, as they demand a lead role in shaping our future.

The 2021 GTLs will convene virtually from July 12 - August 18, 2021 for WAFF's 13th Three Dot Dash Just Peace Summit.

"The world has changed so much in the last 14 months and has tested every aspect of our lives. I am always in awe and inspired by the new group of Global Teen Leaders each year, but I have another level of respect for the 2021 GTLs because they have persevered and thrived during one of the most difficult times in recent human history - successfully addressing old and new problems caused by the pandemic and ongoing systemic racism, inequity and injustice. The whole WAFF family is grateful for SAP's extraordinary unwavering support and to Susan Rockefeller and Musings for being our sustainability partner again this year. Together, hopefully we can overcome."

- Nile Rodgers, Co-Founder & Chairman, We Are Family Foundation



"COVID-19 has further exacerbated the inequalities that exist across the world. In our pursuit to help build back better, SAP is honored to partner once again with We Are Family Foundation and this inspiring community of global teen leaders. These young social entrepreneurs have unparalleled expertise and an unwavering commitment to solve global challenges. We are inspired by them, and we will work together to support the global pandemic recovery. Their innovative solutions to healthcare, quality education, climate action, and more, are primed to help improve lives at scale." – **Alexandra van der Ploeg**, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, SAP SE

The 2021 Global Teen Leaders are: Alexander Wesley (USA); Alexis Fry (USA); Aliu Toluwani Victor (Nigeria); Anfisa Bogdanenko (Russia); Angela Busheska (Macedonia); Catherine Yeo (USA); Elif Kaya (Turkey); Godwin Kevin (Nigeria); Haipei Chen (China); Jana Amin (USA & Egypt); Jeeva Senthilnathan (India & USA); Juliana Pinho (Brazil & Israel); Karly Hou (USA); Karthik Ramu (USA); Karun Kaushik (USA); Kevin Langat (Kenya); Krisha Patel (USA); Kyler Wang (USA); Louise Ferreira (Brazil); Matine Khalighi (USA); Maxine Brenya (Ghana); Mirus Ponon (The Philippines); Moksh Nirvaan (USA); Neha Shukla (USA); Nitya Ayyagari (USA); Oluwanifemi Dahunsi (Nigeria); Oluwaseyi Moejoh (Nigeria), Perisa Ashar (USA); Pranjal Jain (India & USA); Razel Suansing (The Philippines); Reece Slade (South Africa); Rhitishah Yuva Raju (USA); Shreyans Gupta (India); Smriti Marar (India); Sophia Kianni (USA); Swara Patel (India & USA); Syeda Malaika Rizvi (Pakistan); Taha Vahanvaty (India & USA); Victor Ye (USA) and Yash Dutt (Australia).

#### **About We Are Family Foundation**

We Are Family Foundation (WAFF) is a not-for-profit organization co-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. Find more information on WAFF, its programs and global community at wearefamilyfoundation.org @wearefamilyfotn

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