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NATIONAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — \$36,000 AWARDS:

**SEEKING TEEN CHANGEMAKERS DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP AND
COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A BETTER WORLD**

***The Helen Diller Family Foundation Will Award up to 15 U.S. Teens for Their Leadership in
Addressing the Most Pressing Issues of Our Time***

SAN FRANCISCO, September 10, 2018—The Helen Diller Family Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Diller Teen *Tikkun Olam* Awards. The program recognizes 15 Jewish teens annually with \$36,000 each to support an ongoing social justice project, or to further their education. This call for nominations offers the opportunity for educators, civic leaders, and teen mentors to acknowledge Jewish teens who are actively working to create meaningful change in their communities, and the world.

Up to five teens from California and ten from other communities nationwide will be acknowledged for demonstrating exceptional leadership and impact in repairing the world. Anyone interested in nominating a teen, or any teen interested in applying directly, is welcome to visit www.dillerteenawards.org to begin the nomination or application process. The nomination deadline is December 18, 2018. All applications must be completed by January 8, 2019.

The Diller Teen *Tikkun Olam* Awards were the vision of Bay Area philanthropist Helen Diller, who sought to recognize the next generation of socially committed leaders whose dedication to volunteerism exemplifies the spirit of *tikkun olam*, a Jewish value meaning to repair the world. Since 2007, more than \$4 million has been awarded to 114 teens in recognition of their vision, innovation, and leadership.

“This past year clearly demonstrated the power of youth and their ability to engage in helping repair our world,” said Jackie Safier, President of the Helen Diller Family Foundation. “The 2018 Diller Teen *Tikkun Olam* Award recipients are confronting some of the most complex and divisive issues of our time with a passion, determination, and courageousness we can all admire and emulate. These teens remind us that individuals of any age can be leaders and advocates positively impacting the world in significant ways.”

[A video](#) of the 2018 recipients spotlights the passion, impact, and leadership behind each teen project, inspiring hope for real solutions to real world problems. Past recipients of the Diller Teen

Tikkun Olam Awards have made their mark through projects that advocate for a wide range of causes including: designing and upcycling clothing for homeless GLBT youth in LA; free STEM summer camps for under-privileged girls; using new technology to offer fast, free cervical cancer screening to women in developing countries; creating a supportive and empowering community for teens who've lost a parent; developing awareness about the refugee crisis while creating educational opportunities for immigrant refugee students, and so much more.

The Diller Teen *Tikkun Olam* Awards is one of many projects funded by the Helen Diller Family Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma Counties.

Beyond bolstering national recognition of the teens and their projects, the Diller Teen *Tikkun Olam* Awards program fosters a growing network of award recipient alumni who collaborate on leadership, innovation, and volunteer service across the country. Members of the alumni network inspire each other to form new partnerships, expand existing organizations, and continue striving towards a better world.

Awardees have been recognized by some of the world's foremost institutions and leaders, including the United Nations Foundation, the White House, the Clinton Global Initiative, Forbes 30 Under 30, The Jefferson Awards, CNN Heroes, and the Nickelodeon HALO Awards.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

- Teens may be nominated by any community member with knowledge of the value of their project (except a family member).
- Teens may apply directly at www.dillerteenawards.org
- Each applicant must be a U.S. resident aged 13-19 years old as of the application deadline (January 8) and self-identify as Jewish.
- Teen-led initiatives may benefit the general or Jewish community, with impact locally, nationally, or globally.
- Teens must be volunteers, and not receive compensation for their services.

TO NOMINATE: Complete the online "Nominate" form found at www.dillerteenawards.org. For more information, email dillerteenawards@sfjcf.org or call (415) 512-6432.

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