The 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educational Organization Award recognizes K-12 schools, preK schools or non-profits, educational non-profits and similar organizations that demonstrate a commitment to engaging STEM mentors and role models in programs encouraging women and girls to pursue STEM careers, increasing the diversity of those pursuing STEM careers, and retaining women and girls who enter the STEM education pipeline

The 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educational Organization Award is presented to Girlstart.

Girlstart's mission is to increase girls' interest and engagement in STEM through innovative, nationally-recognized informal STEM education programs. By empowering more girls to continue STEM studies, Girlstart can help address our nation's STEM workforce inequities and impact innovation and economic development in America and across the globe. To accomplish its mission, Girlstart develops and implements a range of innovative, research- and standards-based education and mentorship programs designed to promote girls' early engagement and academic success in STEM, encourage girls' aspirations and persistence in STEM education and careers, and incubate a talented and diverse STEM workforce. Girlstart programs build the fundamental skills and knowledge in STEM – as well as the confidence and interest in STEM – that girls will need to pursue STEM courses, activities, majors, and careers. By helping girls to build strong foundations in STEM, Girlstart makes girls more successful, and inspires them to take on the world's greatest challenges.

Girlstart is the largest and longest-running community-based informal STEM education nonprofit in the nation specifically dedicated to empowering and equipping girls in STEM through year-round STEM educational programming. Since 1997, Girlstart has served over 80,000 girls and 10,000 teachers and families with school-based programs, professional development for teachers, summer camps, STEM career conferences and expos, large-scale science events for families, and community STEM education outreach programs. Girlstart programs are open to girls K-12 with a focus on serving girls of diverse ethnicities, girls who live in low-income or non-urban environments, and/or girls who are considered at-risk. In 2018, Girlstart served more than 26,000 girls, teachers, and family members, 97% of whom participated at no cost. Girlstart is also addressing the national need for skilled math and science teachers on a large scale through their STEM CREW and teacher professional development programs.

Girlstart has also been a longtime partner of the Texas Girls Collaborative Project with Girlstart staff serving on the leadership team and champions board since TxGCP's founding in 2007.

Congratulations to the 2019 Texas Girls Collaborative Project (TxGCP) Million Women Mentors – Texas (MWM-TX) Stand Up for STEM Educational Organization Award recipient Girlstart.