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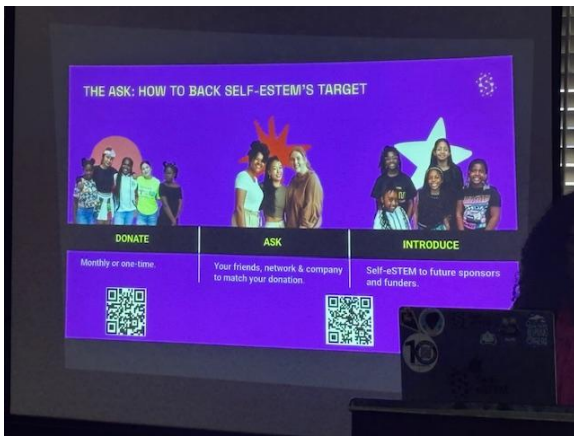
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A Special Event Celebrating Women's History Month

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11:30 AM - 2 PM

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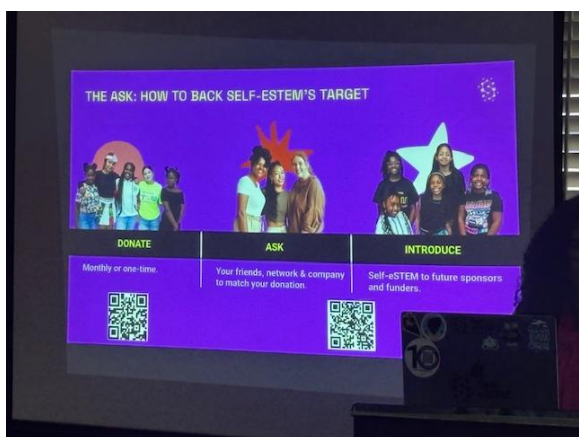
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