



## SHEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OFFICIAL PARTNER 2022

### **A portion of Intentionally FiT proceeds will benefit the Sheen Educational Foundation.**

Founded by “Aunt” Dolores Sheen, this non-profit educational center offers a living laboratory of learning and teaching for youth in a country schoolhouse setting in Watts/South Central Los Angeles, CA. Aunt Dolores has devoted her life to stewardship of quality education for underserved youth. After tracing her ancestry to Ghana, in 1995 she established the Sheenway School and Cultural Center in the Volta bush region, bridging students with their dreams via international teaching and learning. Her lessons extend beyond the classroom to introduce entrepreneurial skills; a student operated bakery at the Watts location provides funds for uniforms and books, while a student import/export company in Ghana helps finance supplies. Her many accolades include the President’s Service Award from former President Bill Clinton.

In 1998, I introduced myself to Aunt Dolores at an event I hosted through my public relations agency. I had to know what this extraordinary mentor was all about as she shepherded her students with dignity and grace through a chorus of chaos during a field trip with other LA Unified teachers and students. Leading by example, her essence and spirit empower youths to overcome inequities they face by believing in themselves. I am blessed to call her my dearest friend, and anyone she meets in her extended “family” feels just the same way.



If you like, you can donate directly: <https://www.sheenwayschools.org/>

Aunt Dolores was featured in a TV commercial to help fund her learning centers: <https://vimeo.com/289194400>