Dear Friends,

This year, Women’s Global Education Project is celebrating 10 years of educating girls!

When we first launched WGEP’s flagship Sisters to School program in 2004 with just 12 scholars and a handful of supporters, I could not have envisioned the impact we would have 10 years later. Because of the amazing support WGEP has received over the past decade, our program has grown by leaps and bounds: a total of 2,309 scholarships awarded, 58 rural villages in Senegal and Kenya impacted, 8,000 individuals reached. None of this would have been possible without the support of friends and donors like you. THANK YOU.

I have also been humbled by the recognition we have received from several noteworthy organizations: WBEZ Chicago and Worldview, the United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative, Neutrogena, and Girl Rising, just to name a few. Now WGEP is also partnering with USAID in an expansion project to increase literacy in the Fatik region of Senegal where we work.

However, it is still the personal stories of the girls and families in our programs that mean the most to me. When I meet girls like Christine, Amy and Fridah and they tell me how our program has changed their lives, how going to school has opened up new possibilities for them, and how they are inspired to be role models for other girls in their community—that is when I truly know that our work is making a difference.

I want to thank all who have donated, volunteered, promoted, and supported us over these past 10 years of educating girls. I am looking forward to our next 10 years together!

Yours,

Amy Maglio
WGEP Executive Director
Ten Years of Program Impact

Your support of Women’s Global Education Project over the past 10 years has allowed us to grow exponentially, increasing awareness among girls, families and entire communities that education for girls can change the world. Together, we have made it possible for hundreds of girls to go to school, giving them the strength and confidence to approach the world in new ways. Thank you for supporting and celebrating with us!

WGEP Programs Through the Years

Sisters to School
Provides need-based scholarships to girls in rural Senegal and Kenya
2004
12 primary school scholarships
2013
2,309 total scholarships awarded

Kenya Alternative Rite of Passage program
Combats female genital mutilation to keep girls in school
2007
130 girls participate
2013
Total of 1,189 girls have said NO! to FGM; for the first time, ARP also included 32 boys

Community Awareness Program
Raises awareness and support for education for girls’ education
2005
51 community members
2013
over 3,000 community members

Parent Workshops
Help parents support their daughters in school
2007
60 parents
2013
nearly 2,000 parents

The Next Chapter
Building on the success of the past decade, WGEP is launching our new Our Sisters Read program in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). This expansion project aims to increase literacy in Senegal’s Fatik region through comprehensive literacy education for primary school scholars—especially girls—as well as to increase access to books and technology throughout the area.

Overall Impact

In 2004 WGEP began with 12 Senegalese scholars

8,000
In 2013 nearly 8,000 scholars, parents, teachers, community leaders, and village residents
Seven-year-old Christine wanted very much to go to school. Her family was supportive of education, but they could not afford to pay school fees. Also, their small village of Santhie Berra did not even have its own school. Christine’s dream finally became reality in 2005 when her family found WGEP. Our program gave Christine a scholarship to cover school fees and expenses, and we helped her move in with her grandmother in the bigger village of Sokone to attend the school there. When she goes home to Santhie Berra, she shares the knowledge she gains at school and in WGEP workshops with her family, friends and neighbors. Now 15, Christine hopes to complete her education and become a doctor.

Amy’s parents were subsistence farmers and could barely put enough together to provide food for their family. They couldn’t afford to send Amy to school, so Amy didn’t go until she was 12, when a WGEP scholarship allowed Amy to start elementary school for the first time. With the support she received from WGEP, Amy was able to complete her studies and graduate from high school. She stands out among other girls in her village, many of whom dropped out of school early to help support the family or to get married and have babies. Now 21, she is studying Spanish at the University of Dakar and is hoping to continue her studies through a PhD.

Because her mother passed away and her elderly father can no longer work, balancing school and helping her family has always been hard for Fridah. Through perseverance and sheer determination, she managed to pass her primary school exams, but she didn’t know if she would be able to keep her studies going. In 2007, a WGEP scholarship allowed 15-year-old Fridah to continue her studies at Mukothima Girls Secondary School. Now a graduate, Fridah hopes to become the principal of a secondary school so she can help other girls in need. She is currently pursuing a diploma in Education at Mt. Kenya University and is a mentor to younger girls in our program.

Christine 
I am in the process of learning to be a role model for the rest of my life

Amy 
I will make the education of my daughter a priority because education is the key to success in my life

Fridah 
My dream to be is self-reliant and assist my community
Ten Years: A Timeline

2003
Returned Peace Corps volunteer
Amy Maglio founds Women’s Global Education Project

Khady Ndiaye, Amy’s host sister and inspiration for starting WGEP

2004
WGEP partners with Adji Senghor to start Sisters to School program in Senegal

Adji Senghor (far right) with Sisters to School Senegal scholars

2004
Executive Director Amy Maglio does her first interview on 91.5 FM/WBEZ Chicago’s Worldview with Jerome McDonnell

2005
WGEP adds secondary school scholarships, tutoring, teacher training and community awareness meetings

2006
WGEP partners with the Tharaka Women’s Welfare Project in Kenya

ARP Founders, left to right: Colombo, Aniceta and Felicity

2007
Sisters to School program started in Kenya

WGEP Board President Joan Sherman, Kenya Project Director Aniceta Kiriga and Executive Director Amy Maglio with community members

2007
“Circumcision With Words” program adopted by WGEP to counter female genital mutilation as a barrier to girls’ education

Amy & Adji at UNGEI

2008
WGEP hosts parent workshops for the first time, reaching 60 individuals in Kenya

2009
WGEP enlists 180 community leaders in Senegal to champion changes in favor of girls’ education

2010
United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI) recognizes WGEP as a “Best Practice” in girls’ education

2011
Executive Director Amy Maglio honored by the Chicago Foundation for Women with an Impact Award, which recognizes local women and men at the heart of the global movement for women and girls.

2012
WGEP Senegal adds adult literacy training for women and the Textbook Library Exchange

2012
WGEP Kenya recruits 15 young men as Peer Educators to help increase support for girls’ education in their communities

2013
WGEP selected by Neutrogena as the face of girls’ education in their “Wave for Change” campaign
**January**
Executive Director Amy Maglio selected by the International Women’s Forum to join its cadre of more than 5,000 women leaders around the world.

**February**
USAID partners with WGEP to improve literacy in the Fatik region of Senegal, giving WGEP a 4-year, $1.7 million grant to start Our Sisters Read with partner FEMMES Plus and Director Adji Senghor.

**March**
Aniceta Kiriga, Director of WGEP Kenya partner Tharaka Women’s Welfare Project, was one of 47 women named by Kenya’s Ministry of Gender as “Inspirational Women of the Year!”

**April**
Executive Director Amy Maglio speaks at a public screening of the documentary *Girl Rising* in Oak Park, Illinois.

**May**
WGEP integrated in-school conflict management trainings for high school girls in Senegal.

**June**
WGEP launches Global Mentor Campaign to encourage ongoing support for girls’ education.

**July**
Executive Director Amy Maglio’s piece in the Chicago Sun-Times talks about the importance of educating girls.

**August**
WGEP is chosen by Foundation Beyond Belief as a third quarter featured beneficiary.

**September**
Senegal Project Coordinator Adji Senghor helps deliver new school supplies to our Senegalese scholars.

**October**
WGEP’s annual fundraiser, *Ndajee!*, raises a record-breaking $55,000 for our work.

**November**
WGEP launches “In Her Own Words” to share personal testimonials from our scholars online.

**December**
Alternative Rite of Passage Program in Kenya includes 32 boys.

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**School supply delivery**

**For the first time ever, boys participated in the Alternative Rite of Passage Program in 2013 to show their support for their sisters, cousins and friends.**
### Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

January–December 2013

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### Revenue

- USAID 27,475
- Foundations & Corporations 125,506
- Individuals 90,911
- Events 45,255

**Total Revenue** $289,147

### Expenditures

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Net assets, end of year = $79,176

### Breakdown of Expenditures

- Program 83%
- Administrative 17%

### 2014 Funds Provided

- 700 girls with scholarships, tutoring, and mentoring
- 500 girls and boys in after school clubs
- 250 girls and 32 boys participated in an alternative right of passage to abandon FGM
- 1,000 parents and student in health education workshops
- 500 women in literacy classes
- 7000 community members in 64 villages reached by campaign to promote girls’ education and the importance of reading
It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years! It's been very exciting and gratifying to see WGEP thrive and grow.

**Supporter Spotlight**

We thank our supporters who have been with us since the beginning. Thank you for supporting WGEP these past 10 years!

Henry Adams said, ‘A teacher touches infinity. He never knows where his influence ends.’ May your students always be a blessing upon you.

**Nancy Hild**
**Lynn Besser**
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**Grants & Contributions**

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Robert Houde Wines
Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

**Event Support**
North Pond Restaurant
Sandbox Studio, Chicago

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