

*Women's Global Education Project*

***Celebrating 10 years  
of Educating Girls***

***Annual Report 2013***



***years***

## Letter from the Executive Director

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  
Executive Director



Amy Maglio  
WGEP Executive Director



**2004**

*WGEP began with 12 scholars, pictured here with their teachers on the first day of 1st grade in 2004.*

*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

**Community Awareness Program**

*Raises awareness and support for education for girls' education*

**2005**

51 community members

**2013**

over 3,000 community members

**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

**Parent Workshops**

*Help parents support their daughters in school*

**2007**

60 parents

**2013**

nearly 2,000 parents

**Total Communities Reached**

**2004**

2 villages in Senegal

**2013**

46 villages in Senegal; 12 villages in Kenya

12

In 2004 WGEP began with 12 Senegalese scholars

8,000

In 2013 nearly 8,000 scholars, parents, teachers, community leaders, and village residents

**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.*

Christine

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

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 WGEF. 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 WGEF workshops with her family, friends and neighbors. Now 15, Christine hopes to complete her education and become a doctor.

Amy

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

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 WGEF scholarship allowed Amy to start elementary school for the first time. With the support she received from WGEF, 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.

Fridah

My dream to be is self-reliant and assist my community

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 WGEF scholarship allowed 15-year-old Fridah to continue her studies at Mukothima Girls Secondary School. During the school holidays she often took manual work to help provide for her family. 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 pictured, above, in 2005 and, below, with classmates in 2013



Amy started in the Sisters to School program in 2005 at age 12



Fridah began the Sisters to School program in 2007 and is now pursuing a degree at Mt. Kenya University



## 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 WGEF*

**2004**

WGEF partners with Adj Senghor to start Sisters to School program in Senegal



*Adj 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



*Joan Sherman, Amy Maglio, Jerome McDonnell and Janet McDonnell at Ndajee 2008*

**2005**

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

**2006**

WGEF partners with the Tharaka Women's Welfare Project in Kenya



*ARP Founders, left to right: Colomba, Aniceta and Felicity*

**2007**

Sisters to School program started in Kenya



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

## Ten Years: A Timeline



*WGEF's first Kenyan scholars*

**2007**

"Circumcision With Words" program adopted by WGEF to counter female genital mutilation as a barrier to girls' education



*Alternative Rite of Passage event*

**2008**

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

**2009**

WGEF enlists 180 community leaders in Senegal to champion changes in favor of girls' education

**2010**

WGEF selected by Neutrogena as the face of girls' education in their "Wave for Change" campaign

**2010**

United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) recognizes WGEF as a "Best Practice" in girls' education



*Amy & Adj at UNGEI*

**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**

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

**2012**

WGEF Kenya recruits 15 young men as Peer Educators to help increase support for girls' education in their communities

**2013→**

**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

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**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 Adjì Senghor

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**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!"



*Aniceta posing with her awards*

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**April**

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

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**May**

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



*WGEP Project Manager Lily Messih with Safora, who has been a WGEP scholar since 2004.*

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**June**

WGEP launches Global Mentor Campaign to encourage ongoing support for girls' education

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**July**

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

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**August**

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

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**September**

Senegal Project Coordinator Adjì Senghor helps deliver new school supplies to our Senegalese scholars.



*School supply delivery*

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**October**

WGEP's annual fundraiser, *Ndajee!*, raises a record-breaking \$55,000 for our work



*Our guests of honor Jerome McDonnell, host of Worldview on WBEZ 91.5 FM, and Girls Rising director Erin Sarofsky, with WGEP Board Member Julie Stagliano*

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**November**

WGEP launches "In Her Own Words" to share personal testimonials from our scholars online

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**December**

Alternative Rite of Passage Program in Kenya includes 32 boys



*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.*

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## Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

January–December 2013

### Revenue

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

**Total Revenue \$289,147**

### Expenditures

Programs	
Senegal & Kenya	223,782
General & Administrative	27,305
Fundraising	17,373

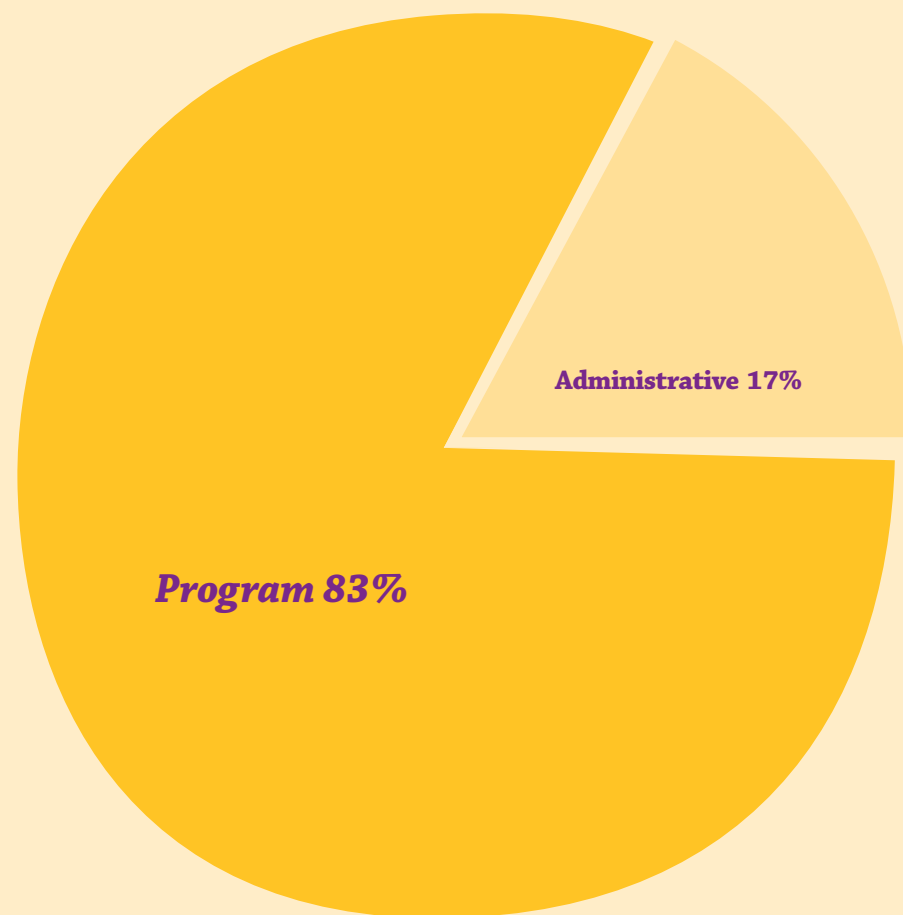
**Total Expenditures \$268,460**

Net assets, end of year = \$79,176

2004 \$22,564

2013	\$289,147
2012	205,845
2011	175,960
2010	246,712
2009	105,860
2008	46,406
2007	98,886
2006	60,632
2005	23,925
2004	22,564

## Breakdown of Expenditures



## 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



## Supporter Spotlight

***We thank our supporters who have been with us since the beginning.***

***Thank you for supporting WGEF these past 10 years!***

*It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years! It's been very exciting and gratifying to see WGEF thrive and grow.*

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

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***Our first 12 scholars with their  
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