It has been six years since you developed the Global Sojourns Giving Circle. What was the impetus?

After many years of living and working in Africa, I knew I wanted to put my money into small community-based organizations which focus on education, especially for girls. Girls’ education is often overlooked, due to extreme poverty. Many tourists I met indicated they wanted to “give back” and in sustainable ways, too. It was time! Through research I learned about the Giving Circle concept.

Who benefits from the GSGiving Circle?

Everyone! The obvious benefactors are the girls, who finally have the opportunity for an education. Donors benefit by learning about the myriad of issues affecting these girls. The girls’ communities benefit by having young women who will: have better job qualifications, be less likely to contract HIV/AIDS, have children later, have healthier children and ensure their children will get educations, too!
Please tell us about two new projects that began in 2012.

We really hit our stride in 2012! It was a great year! We have excellent partners - social entrepreneurs - who are thrilled to have financial support to do really good jobs. Rose of Charity implements outstanding workshops for girls ages 10 – 18. This new grassroots organization has taken off, offering creative, inclusive after-school workshops for girls to help ensure they remain in school. Workshop topics vary from living with elderly grannies to school work to boys. The Believe Workshop brought together our partners from Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, offering capacity building, inspiration and information. Partners shared best practices and how ideas can be replicated. GSGiving Circle volunteers traveled from the US to Livingston, Zambia to facilitate the workshop. Everyone loved it, learned so much and implored for a follow-up next year.

Do you have a favorite memory from 2012 that you will share with us?

The Believe Workshop was fantastic! It was a culmination of our six years of work. We all came together - participants from three African countries and the US. We shared, laughed, cried and learned. A resort provided the meeting space and food, volunteers traveled from the US to teach and incredible, hard working partners shared ideas with one another.

How can others become more involved?

There are so many ways! Here are ideas...

• host an informational/fundraising gathering at your home (we have a "how to" kit)

• come to Africa and learn, first hand, about the organizations we fund

• participate in the quarterly educational telephone conference calls

• read the quarterly on-line newsletter and the ongoing blogs

• help us create/develop more awareness

• convince three - five friends to donate

• sew Comfort Dolls for children dealing with illnesses/sadness

• volunteer – Research volunteer - learn about/contact similar organizations
  IT volunteer – help us with our technology updates
  Communication volunteer – share your writing skills
  Fundraising volunteer – research and write grants
Mission

The Global Sojourns Giving Circle helps individuals pool their time, talent and financial resources to educate and empower children, especially girls, in Sub-Saharan Africa. Members make a direct, lasting impact while learning about issues in the region.

Philosophy of Giving

The Giving Circle is comprised of people who want to contribute to small, sustainable, well-managed projects where limited amounts of money make a significant difference. We rigorously research projects before committing funds and monitor our investments through regular communications and occasional visits to the projects we support. Members are encouraged to become as involved as they want, but there are no required time commitments.

Connect...
with the communities and projects we support, as well as with members of the Giving Circle.

Empower...
the girls, their families/caretakers and their communities.

Transform...
the lives of the girls we help support.

For more information about the Global Sojourns Giving Circle please visit us at: www.GSGivingCircle.org.

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Highlights of 2012

In March, Paige Hasson and Yvonne Cheung traveled to Livingstone, Zambia (Tusa Munyandi); Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Rose of Charity) and Hout Bay, South Africa (Jikeleza) assisting in programs.

Yvonne helps organize the Rose of Charity library with supplies transported from donors in the U.S.

Paige entertaining/teaching small children at Tusa Munyandi.

In November, Kendra Howe and Heidi Johnson-Bixby joined Priscilla at the First Annual Partners Believe Workshop in Livingstone, Zambia.
2012 Partners and Activities

**Tusa Munyandi**  
*Livingstone, Zambia*  
since 2007  
Grant used for: school fees, uniforms, books and medications when ill for 60 young girls and boys

**Jikeleza**  
*Hout Bay, South Africa*  
since 2007  
Grant used for: maintaining life coach to counsel & mentor girls throughout the year, one large workshop for more than 90 girls from the townships

**Livingstone Anglican Children’s Project**  
*Livingstone, Zambia*  
since 2010  
Grant used for: school uniforms, educsation tours, ball games for more than 250 children

**Uthando**  
*Cape Town, South Africa*  
since 2009  
Grant used for: support for several organizations including Luleki Sizwe, which strives to make over 100 young women safe from intimidation and molestation as they make their way to school.
New Partners in 2012

Rose of Charity
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Grant used for: community awareness for girl empowerment, “Girl Power” workshops, establishing Girl’s Clubs in the community

Agnes BuyaYombwe
WayiWayi Art Studio
Livingstone, Zambia
(with Priscilla Macy)

Grant used for: mentoring and continued local support and communication
2012 Partner Locations

Africa

Livingstone, Zambia
Livingstone Anglican Children’s Project
Tusa Munyandi
Agnes Buya Yombwe

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Rose of Charity

Cape Town, South Africa
Jikeleza (Hout Bay)
Uthando
Revenue

Foundation Support $9,500
Individual Donor Support 25,806

Total Revenue $35,306

Expenses

Believe Summit $1,906
Jikeleza 7,500
LACP 4,820
Rose of Charity 4,480
Tusa Munyandi 4,000
Uthando 1,000
Wayiwayi Art Studio 750
Operating Expenses 692

Total Expenses $25,148

Revenue Over Expenses $10,158
Revonia

Below is a letter written by one of Rose of Charity’s youth participants. Revonia’s participation is made possible, in part, by the GSGiving Circle.

“A pleasant afternoon to all ladies and gentlemen boys and girls standing in front of you is Revonia B F Meyo and I was one of the empowered girls.

Finally and mostly I would like to thank Rose of Charity. At first I was someone who had low self-esteem. When my father died? When I joined the workshop at Rose of Charity my life changed a lot. We shared sad moments and joyful moments together. But after I shared my story with other girls I was relieved and felt the heaviness on my shoulders had gone. Before I joined the workshop the first days were the most cruel days. I came to understand and believe the proverb “absence makes the heart grow fonder”. The was no one to pay school fees, buy food, pay electricity and water. We were like living in rural areas...someday things will be different.

Attending girl power group it really helped my life or saved my life. I would like to encourage other girls to be strong and to have another workshop.”

Thank you for your support!