A Letter from the Global Sojourns Giving Circle Founder and Board President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our seven partner organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa and most of all the girls who are in school and empowerment programs, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your financial support, volunteer service and ongoing ideas continue to move us forward.

This year has seen tremendous growth for the Global Sojourns Giving Circle. When it began seven years ago, the leaders of the partner organizations were working in silos. Their programs were situated in urban and rural areas of Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The leaders were unaware other grassroots organizations were also working to keep girls in school.

Fast forward to 2013. These social entrepreneurs have pooled their resources. They now know each other, share best practices and are all much more effective and supportive. Two GSGC volunteers traveled to Zambia in 2013 to facilitate the second partners Believe Workshop, offering capacity building, inspiration and new ideas. The three countries in which we serve, offer free education for children from first through sixth grade. But to attend school the children must have school uniforms, supplies and books. The GSGC funds its partners so staff, who know the children and their individual circumstances, can provide the needed items. The empowerment programs and clubs are safe havens where the girls receive help with homework, share concerns with “aunties,” have a warm meal, write poetry, make jewelry, express themselves through dance, get encouragement and, ultimately realize their potential. These strong support systems are the bonds that help keep the girls in school.

Educating and empowering girls is our mission, focus and passion. It has become clear to us that including boys in selected programs makes the programs more effective and improves the lives of the girls, their classrooms and their families. Please, stay tuned as we continue to work on ways to include boys in selected programs.

We are looking forward to next year with anticipation for even more success and impact.

Priscilla Macy
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.

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Overview and accomplishments in 2013

The Global Sojourns Giving Circle (GSGC) celebrated a banner year in 2013! As the GSGC ends its seventh year, its focus on education and empowerment programs for girls in Southern Africa is moving forward with lightening speed! In 2013 more than 500 girls from impoverished homes were able to begin or stay in school because of the GSGC and its partners. If you are a stakeholder in the GSGC you know, through the quarterly newsletter, educational conference calls, blogs, Facebook, the website or a firsthand visit to the projects, what a positive difference the GSGC is making in the lives of these amazing girls.

The GSGC partners with seven grassroots organizations in Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The funding each organization receives from the GSGC allows them to continue and expand their programs. A dollar goes a long way in Africa and is an exceptional investment for donors. These organizations are led by social entrepreneurs who understand that education is the only way that girls will move upward from their current dire circumstances. The girls’ parent or parents or grannies or caregivers know that education is the ticket to a better life, too. But most families have limited resources, and parents or caretakers often choose to send the boys to school rather than the girls. Families with many mouths to feed often encourage a girl’s marriage when she is as young as age 14 or 15.

Each of the 500+ girls who were assisted in 2013 by the GSGC and its on-the-ground partners have that “spark of promise” to do well in life. The girls study hard, appreciate the opportunities and are positive role models for their families and their communities. And, they are positive role models for us! Imagine getting up each morning with no indoor plumbing, no electricity and no breakfast. Then, many of the girls must do household chores, help with younger siblings, walk a long way to school and hope that neighborhood boys will not approach or attack them. They hope the male teacher will not ask favors of them, promising a good grade or a textbook in return. Furthermore, the girls often have no bathroom facilities in their schools. They share desks and text books with one to three other students and often have no familial support or encouragement to attend school. These girls are indeed role models! They are tough, they are determined and they are desperately in need of our help.

Time and again, studies show that girls who have an education tend to be healthier, work and earn more income, have fewer children and provide better health and education for their own children. One additional year of school can increase their earnings by 10% to 20%! Now, that is impressive!

What were the Global Sojourns Giving Circle’s and its partners’ accomplishments this year? Following are the many highlights.

- The Global Sojourns’ Giving Safari was selected as one of National Geographic Traveler’s Top 50 Tours of a Lifetime – May 2013 issue. It extended an international invitation to visit the GSGC’s partners and the girls they serve. This reached 9,000 subscribers and thousands of readers in 15 countries and in 12 languages.
• The Girl to Girl Program was developed for girls in Africa and in the US to assist one another. To date, three teens in the Washington DC area helped raise funds for Zambian teachers’ trainings by doing yard work and selling bracelets made by girls in Zambia. A Girl Scout Troop in Portland, OR held a drive to obtain dance tights for young dancers in Cape Town. A kindergarten class in Portland, OR and two preschool classes in Arlington, VA made educational games for a preschool in Livingstone, Zambia.

• A drama production that focused on hygiene, HIV/AIDS and other health-related topics was created, performed and attended by over 300 youth in a rural Zambian village.

• The first higher education scholarship recipients graduated with Early Childhood Teaching Certificates. The two young Zambian women are now teaching over 50 preschoolers at Tusa Munyandi, one of the GSGC’s first partner organizations.

• Tuition, school uniforms, school fees, textbooks and other related costs were provided for over 300 girls, which allowed them to attend school.

• An afterschool art program for vulnerable children was developed by two partners and taught by Zambian award-winning artist Agnes Buya Yombwe. Twelve girls created outstanding works of art that were exhibited at the Livingstone Museum, (where items of Dr. David Livingstone are displayed.)

• Girls Stand Up, Girl Power and Believe in Girls are three extremely popular, well-attended, empowerment programs offering leadership workshops and career days for over 100 girls. Three partner organizations provide these ongoing programs and afterschool clubs. The GSGC helped design and host the spectacular two-day empowerment summit called Girls Stand Up!

• A girl-focused community meeting was attended by over 30 community leaders who discussed girls’ empowerment and education issues. A partner organization developed, publicized and facilitated the successful and enlightening event.
Members of the Board

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Key Volunteers for 2013

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   Girl Scout Troop 40835
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Jean Tucker
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Betty Windes
Holly Wise
Megan Woodard
Agnes Buya Yombwe

Key Donors for 2013

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Clemie Perslin
Robert Plummer
Emily Porter
Lisa Potter
Jan & Alan Rains
Mary & Shelley Reece
Daniel Romano
Sue Sell & Margaret McNichol
Kenny & Joanna Smith
Ronald Stephens
Sunny’s Legendary Frozen Yogurt
Herbert & Jan West
Jo Lynne Whiting
Beth Beeson Wilkins
Sarah & Dean Williams
Megan Woodard

Our apologies if your name was inadvertently omitted.
2013 Partners

Mfuwe, Zambia
Chipembele
Project Luangwa

Livingstone, Zambia
Livingstone Anglican Children’s Project
Tusa Munyandi
WayiWayi Art Studio

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Rose of Charity

Cape Town, South Africa
Jikeleza (Hout Bay)
Letters from Two Scholarship Recipients

From Penelope (on the left)
I have read your letter over and over because of its encouraging comments. I completed my course as a teacher in Early Childhood Education. I am very happy to be a teacher, as I like little children and I am going to enjoy being with them. Without your Giving Circle and Tusa Munyandi, I could not afford to go to college. Thank you for paying for my course. I thank you for opening my way of life. I am very proud of your Giving Circle because if it was not for you, I don’t think I could reach this level where I am in my education. I am now teaching at Tusa Munyandi ECE Centre while I am waiting for my teaching certificate.

From Racheal
I am a qualified teacher and I am proud to have a skill. I am assured of a bright future. My plans are to upgrade myself by studying further in my teaching skills, even as I am employed. You are doing a great job supporting vulnerable people like me. I am lacking good words to express my thankfulness. At the moment, I am with Tusa Munyandi Early Childhood Education Center. In April 2014 we will have a graduation ceremony in Lusaka where we will be awarded our teaching certificates.

2013 Global Sojourns Giving Circle Revenue and Expense Statement
(For the period November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013)

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Revenue Over Expenses
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