Our mission:
To educate girls and strengthen communities in Africa
**Global Sojourns Giving Circle (GSGC)** is a small, vital grassroots organization with visible impact. We see the results of our work in the eager face of a child who perceives that she is no longer alone. We also see the teaching certificate of a delighted young woman who finished her college scholarship.

Partnering with carefully selected, trusted, social entrepreneurs in Africa, GSGC provides support to promising girls who have the will and ability to succeed. Most GSGC funding is focused toward girls with a background of extreme abuse, poverty, or both.

GSGC’s on-the-ground African partners are passionate about their work and make dramatic progress when GSGC provides them with program grants, plus guidance in sustainability and business practices. This year we also collaborated with 40 outside groups – double the previous number.

Our funds go far in Africa, and GSGC stretches every dollar. We work carefully, in small groups, helping one girl at a time.

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“Precious”, 12 years old and orphaned by AIDS, lives with her impoverished grandmother and three younger cousins. Although she loved school, her hardscrabble family had no money for fees or uniforms. With GSGC’s help, Precious has returned to school and is getting good grades! Determined to graduate high school and continue on to become a teacher, she hopes to follow the lead of Penelope and Racheal, who received GSGC college scholarships. Active in a GSGC-funded afterschool and weekend club, Precious receives mentoring, help with homework, needed weekend meals, and leadership training. With your support, her and her family’s prospects have turned 180 degrees!

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**Highlights of the Year’s Activity**

Some 400 girls in Southern Africa stayed in school with support from GSGC. From preschoolers whose teacher’s salary was funded by GSGC, to middle school girls provided with fees and uniforms, to high school students avoiding pregnancy thanks to empowerment programs, they reshape their future.

Seven highly effective community organizations in Africa were selected as GSGC partners. As their work can be slow, difficult and costly, we lean toward providing sustainable, longer-term (5–10 year) financial support, along with ongoing expertise and on-site field responses.

GGSC partner programs helped lead girls out of poverty. Some provide mentors to demonstrate career, leadership and life skills. Others deliver individual and group counseling. Empowerment workshops inspire confidence; girls’ clubs offer a safe haven; educational field trips open young eyes. Some partners also engage in community outreach, opening a discussion about gender bias.

Our Believe Summit included 18 partner representatives and upcoming leaders who gathered in Zambia for two full days to share best practices and study business skills with volunteer facilitators and GSGC hosts. It was a huge success, and an online network system allows the discussions to continue.

In-kind items, valued at $5,500, included reusable sanitary pads that enabled girls to stay in school all month. Girls impacted by tragedy cuddled with colorful “care dolls”. Others penned thoughts and stories in GSGC journals, or created jewelry with donated beads. Some own their very first book; classrooms enjoyed sports equipment and new learning tools.

Fifty volunteers contributed more than 1,800 hours to GSGC, an estimated value of $40,590. Men and women of all ages shared expertise, provided needed items, raised funds and expanded our influence.
Financial Report  
Fiscal Year: November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2014

Revenue

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Expenses

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<td>Chipembele: Mfuwe, Zambia</td>
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**Revenue Over Expenses**  

**$8,923**

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Our apologies (and please advise us) if your name was inadvertently omitted.
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Please visit our website at [www.gsgivingcircle.org](http://www.gsgivingcircle.org) to donate or to learn more about our work. You are welcome to listen to quarterly educational calls and enjoy our newsletters and blogs. Individuals and groups can also arrange to visit GSGC partners in Africa to see some of our field work first-hand.

However you choose to get involved, we hope that you continue to connect with GSGC!