

— Sheryl WuDunn and Nicolas Kristof, *Half the Sky*

“So let us be clear up front: We hope to recruit you to join an incipient movement to emancipate women and fight global poverty by unlocking women’s power as economic catalysts. It is a process that transforms bubbly teenage girls from brothel slaves into successful businesswomen. **You can help accelerate change** if you’ll just open your heart and join in.”

Did You Know?

An estimated one million children, mostly girls, enter the sex trade each year and the U.N. estimates that 4 million women and girls are trafficked annually.

Educated girls are less likely to become victims of human trafficking.

Source: UNICEF

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*We are a sisterhood of college-educated women
working to uplift girls and women worldwide from
poverty and oppression through education.*

Did You Know?

Girls are more than **70% of the 125 million children** who don't have a school to attend. Significantly more girls than boys enrolled in the first grade fail to complete the first cycle of primary school.

Source: Education of girls. (2013, March 30).
Retrieved from <http://www.educationforgirls.org>

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What if every woman ever affiliated with any sorority (of which there are millions), and the people who cared about them, all donated or raised just \$100/per year for the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation? That is just \$8.33/month. Imagine the impact we could have for girls and women world-wide!

Did You Know?

Two-thirds of the world's 880 million illiterate adults are **women**.

Source: Education of girls. (2013, March 30).

Retrieved from <http://www.educationforgirls.org>

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As educated women, we understand the importance of achieving an education and we believe that every girl in the world **deserves** **the opportunity** to go to school. And we know that when all women have access to education the world will be a better place.

Did You Know?

Not even 7% of the world's population has a college degree.

Source: Study from Harvard and the Asian Development Bank

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We are women with the privilege of a college education. This global humanitarian effort by all sorority women is a compliment to the phenomenal domestic work we all already do. We have the compassion and wherewithal to improve the lives of girls and women worldwide for generations to come.

Did You Know?

One extra year of primary education can **increase a girl's wages** by as high as 15 percent.

Source: Colclough, Kingdon and Patrinos 2009;
Hertz and Sperling 2004

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If education is the answer that will start a chain reaction to end
gendercide, sex slavery, oppression, sex selective abortion, and
intense brutality against women, then there is much we
should do as **educated women**.

Did You Know?

Violence kills and disables as many women
between the ages of 15 and 44 as cancer.

Source: UN Millennium Project. 2005. Taking Action:
Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Women.
Task Force on Education and Gender Equality.
London and Sterling, VA: Earthscan

There are millions of sorority affiliated women in the United States and abroad. We have historically been very altruistic. The Circle of Sisterhood gives our entire community a way – standing together across affiliation – to be altruistic on a **global scale**!

Did You Know?

Women and girls reinvest **90 percent** of their income in their families and communities, breaking the poverty cycle.

Source: Phil Borges. 2007. Women Empowered: Inspiring Change in the Emerging World. New York.

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