



Impact Summary 2023

In March of each year, the Circle of Sisterhood (CofS) accepts applications for funding from organizations working on the ground around the world to remove barriers to education for girls and women. The CofS Grants Team reviews and evaluates each application and convenes to determine which organizations will be awarded up to \$10,000.

During the 2023 grant cycle, \$120,000 was awarded to thirteen deserving organizations thanks to our generous donors. Donations to CofS in 2023 have:

- Provided 90 impoverished Nepali girls - at risk of being trafficked, enslaved, or forced to marry - the life-changing opportunity to be safe and stay in school by paying their tuition fees, offering supplemental classes and tutoring, and funding the costs of school supplies (textbooks, backpacks, uniforms, etc.) for one year.
- Supported teacher training, educational supplies, and menstrual health management components of a program at two resource-poor schools in Kenya, directly supporting 8 female teachers and 456 girls, empowering them to stay in school, stand up for their rights, and become confident agents of change.
- Supported 650 rural girls' pursuit of a quality primary education through funding teacher salaries, education expenses, malnutrition prevention, and health education in Haiti.
- Supported a high-impact, year-long program of designed to support up to 100 U.S. high school girls' achievement of education and professional success by enhancing their leadership skills, college preparedness, and career development.
- Supported 400 students in Togo, mostly women, as they move from complete illiteracy to proficiency in reading, writing and simple math, thereby changing their futures and the futures of their children and community.
- Supported an empowerment program of an organization working in Kenya to reduce gender-based violence and unplanned teen pregnancies that can keep girls from staying in/succeeding in school by providing weekly sessions for 400 students, monthly workshops for 200 parents, and a public advocacy campaign.
- Provided 22 financially disadvantaged and at-risk girls in Nepal with access to primary and secondary education, opportunities to pursue technical training, preventative and emergency healthcare and access to support and mentoring programs.
- Provided 230 impoverished immigrant and minority women in New Jersey with daily English language instruction to help them secure economic stability for themselves and their families and become fully integrated members of the American community.
- Supported a program that will equip 380 women from eight rural communities in Sierra Leone with financial literacy, life skills, business and entrepreneurship skills training and the tools to use their voice within their households and communities.
- Supported a program in Niger that will partially fund 16 middle-school girls' education (tuition scholarships and tutoring) for one year and will fully funding the construction of a latrine at their school.
- Directly supported ten female college students' expenses - including tuition, housing, books, school supplies, supplementary classes, clothes, food, transportation, healthcare, hygiene supplies, and cultural programming - as they combat India's caste, class, and gender norms in pursuit of higher education.
- Funded the production of menstrual kits at three sewing cooperatives, providing 18 women tailors with economic opportunity while keeping 2,000 girls and young women in school in Malawi.
- Funded the development and implementation of life skills, mental health, reproductive rights, mentoring, and parental education programming for 22 graduates and 45 current students as they pursue post-secondary education after escaping the traditions of female genital mutilation and early forced childhood marriage.

Additionally, in 2023, our school build program will fund the construction of two schools in Guatemala.