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Greetings from the One World Foundation!

Thank you so much for your past support of One New Education. When we began this organization in March of 2011, we honestly didn't know what it would entail; how it worked to run a non-profit; or what we would be able to do. We just hoped to be able to help a few girls go to school, delay motherhood for a few years, and perhaps realize dreams they might have of a career and a life of contribution to their families and communities. It started with one girl, and her inspiration has allowed us to continue forward, to learn and grow as an organization so that we can offer this opportunity to other girls. We've lost a few girls along the way, due to factors ranging from family needs to disinterest in continuing with school, and we have learned much from those experiences, disappointing as they are.

Luckily, many more girls have stayed with us and we currently help 24 girls from ten countries stay in school and fulfill their dreams. We are able to keep in touch with most of them very easily via Skype or the computer through our in-country contacts and even through family members. Using personal funds, Christa has been able to visit some of the girls each year to watch their progress and to deepen our connection. She just returned from her first trip to Africa to visit our girls in Uganda and Tanzania. We believe that the ability to connect with individual girls is a critical part of the success of our mission, and it was absolutely wonderful to meet these girls and get to know them a little better. It's important for them as well, because now we are more than just a name sending money every year.

We are still an all-volunteer organization managed from Christa's home office. We have three board members in addition to Christa: Cole is a teacher and artist; Ryan is a musician and public radio reporter; and Alex is a contractor and real estate agent. This past year the Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy held not one but two fundraisers for us. The National Honor Society students held a wonderful dance and music concert to raise money for Naume Ekirapa in Uganda, and in March FALA held a benefit called "Chairs for Change," in which they auctioned off chairs decorated by community artists and students. Both fundraisers were wildly successful, and we are incredibly grateful for their efforts and help. We look forward to more such fundraisers in 2015!

Our current annual budget is \$17,000. We are proud that eighty-five percent of this goes to our scholarship recipients. We don't want to get so large that it all gets away from us, but

there is no shortage of deserving young women out there, and we'd like to help as many as we can.

Although we would still like to find the time and personnel to help us apply for grants from foundations and organizations, all the non-profit strategists with whom we have spoken believe that you, the individual private donor, is still our strongest support and most powerful ally in accomplishing our work. So we need to get the word out to even more people. We will be working on a still and video presentation about the organization and the girls that we can bring to schools, businesses and other organizations that are interested in learning more.

How You Can Help

1. *Pass the word!* Most of our supporters are friends who have been introduced by someone who knows our work. Next time you're chatting with a friend or family member, please tell them a little about our organization, and point them towards our website: www.oneneweducation.org. We may also be able to travel to you to speak with a group. If you know a business that would be willing to have a stack of our brochures available, we'd be happy to send you some to pass around. You can also sign up for, or point someone else to our blog. The link to sign up appears on every page of our website. If there is a new post, it will come to you on Tuesday mornings. If there are no new postings, you will no receive an email from us. Again, we will never send you anything in the mail.
2. *Be a Benefactor.* At this point, about ten of our girls have Benefactors who pay for their school costs every year. When possible, we put these people in contact with the girls, and act as a go-between for letters and other communication. It's a great way to develop a personal connection and to encourage these girls to finish school; it's not just faceless money paying for her school—it's a real person who cares about her and wants to see her succeed. The beauty of being a Benefactor is that you can create a connection with an individual girl, and we know that her educational costs are covered.
3. *Donate!* As the year draws to a close, consider donating (or donating again!) to One World Foundation. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your donation is deductible to the fullest extent of the law. If you know an organization, business or foundation that is looking for a place to donate, please put us in touch with them. You can be assured that all donations will be used exactly as it says on our website: "To provide educational opportunities...ONE girl at a time."

We are excited to be growing and moving forward and helping more and more girls—all with your help. We can't thank you enough, and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with all of you, and with all of our girls. We wish you the best for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

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