



Young Women Empowered 2012 Growth Report

DEAR Y-WE SUPPORTERS,

As this incredible year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to thank you for your many contributions to the lives of our young leaders. With your help:

- 8 Y-WE graduating seniors were accepted to college and given scholarships.
- 15 girls who were looking for jobs or internships were hired.
- 25 girls spoke or performed in public for the first time and gained self-confidence.
- 60 young women learned from career professionals, health professionals, and teaching artists and gained tools to make healthy choices and achieve their goals.
- Over 1500 people were impacted by the leadership of Y-WE girls through assemblies they led in their schools, service projects they started, fundraisers they planned, and public speeches they gave.

Your support makes all this possible!

MESSAGES FROM THE GIRLS:

"I am from Saigon, Vietnam, I am 17 and this is my first year at Y-WE. I have never in my life felt so accepted, loved, not judged, and empowered. Thank you for making this experience possible."

"I am a student at The Northwest School. This program has taught me to respect people who look, act and believe differently than I do. Thank you for helping me find friends who I never would have met without Y-WE!"



"I am a freshman at UW and have been part of Y-WE for 3 years. My family immigrated to the US from Gambia. Thank you for making me realize what I want to be in life. I am no longer afraid to follow my dream to go to college and major in international studies."

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013: In 2012-13 we are growing significantly. We will offer 3 programs: Y-WE Lead, Y-WE Speak, and Hedgebrook: Y-WE Write. We will directly serve 150 girls and 75 women, who will impact over 2000 people with their leadership projects. As we grow, we need your support more than ever before. It is proven by internationally recognized statistics that girls reinvest 90% of the resources they gain through leadership programs like ours back into their communities. This means that by investing in these young leaders, you are investing in a better future for *your* family, *your* neighborhood, and *our* world. Please make a gift to Y-WE this holiday season. A donation envelop is enclosed with this letter. All donations are tax-deductible.

Gratefully,

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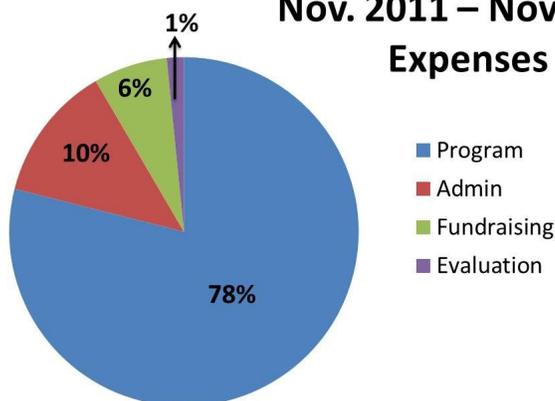
Our Mission: Y-WE prepares teen and adult women from diverse backgrounds to step up as leaders in their schools, neighborhoods, and the world. We provide mentorship, intercultural collaboration, and creative programs that equip participants with the confidence, resiliency, and future planning skills they need to achieve their personal goals and improve their communities.



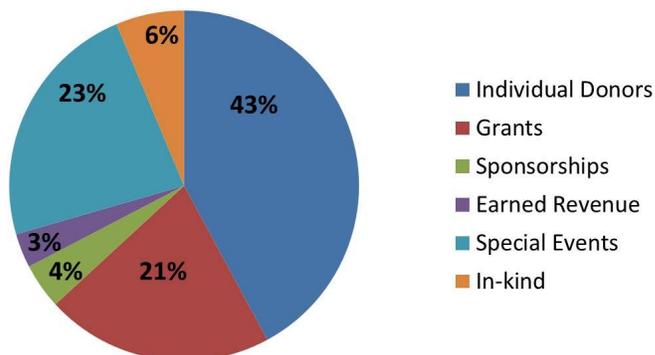
Financial Growth Report:

Y-WE was founded in June, 2010 as a chapter of the 501-C3 non-profit PYE Global. In just two years of operation, we have grown from a budget of \$35,000 to a budget of \$95,000. In 2013, we will grow our budget to \$200,000 in order to sustain a total of 3 programs, open our office in Redmond, and hire our first staff members. As we expand, we will keep costs low through in-kind donations, partnerships with other non-profits, and over 100 volunteers who donate more than 8000 hours of labor annually. Gifts of any amount from donors like YOU make this success possible!

Nov. 2011 – Nov. 2012 Expenses



Nov. 2011- Nov. 2012 Revenue



Giving Circle Description: This holiday season, Y-WE has launched a “Giving Circle.” This is a membership program for donors who are dedicated to providing scholarships for girls to attend Y-WE programs. Members “give or raise” \$500 or more toward our scholarship fund. Y-WE provides scholarship to all girls who need them, which assures equal access to programs and a fair admissions process.

BIG THANKS to our Current Giving Circle Members: Catherine Atwood-Voels, Deborah Brainerd, Robin Calderon and Jonny Tod Hunter, Leslie Cotter, Emer Dooley, Ellen Ferguson, Catherine Ann St Germain, Sally Goodwin, Lynnaea Lumbard and Rick Paine, Daniel and Sue Rothenberg, Robin and Peter Rothenberg, Sharon Shoemaker, Amy Stephson, Le Tat, Peggy Taylor, Jeanne Tweten, Mary Willis and Nikki Coyote, David Whyte and the Many River’s Company.

Match: Philanthropist & founder of Hedgebrook, Nancy Nordhoff, has pledged \$20,000 in matching funds toward Y-WE’s Giving Circle! This means that the first \$20,000 raised will equal \$40,000 in scholarship funds!

How to Become a Member: If you’d like to join the circle, you can either mail your donation of \$500 or more, donate online, or set up a simple Y-WE fundraising page at: <http://www.ywecircle.kintera.org>. When you join, you will receive a Y-WE T-shirt, a letter from the young woman you support, and a photo of the girls!