



The
Traveling
SCHOOL

2015 Impact Report

25 SEMESTERS OF CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE GIRL AT A TIME



THE TRAVELING SCHOOL MISSION

To enrich the lives of teenage girls with an enduring educational experience focusing on overseas exploration, academic challenges, expanded outdoor skills, and a deeper engagement with the world.



“THE TRAVELING SCHOOL OPENED THE WORLD FOR ME, AND DARED ME TO ENTER.”

SARAH BRENNE, TTS12



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The silver semester is a milestone for The Traveling School. Who would think this bold idea to provide high school girls with an inspiring international academic experience would ever get this far? Folks said it couldn't be done . . . but now, 25 semesters later, The Traveling School is clearly thriving. From our first fledgling years struggling to fill trips to this past year's full enrollment of 32 students with a waiting list, we are firmly rooted as a semester school. After 13 years, we remain committed to our founding vision: to create a transformational academic experience for young women.

We're not afraid to think small and deliver a big impact. Sixteen students per semester. Four teachers. Two regions of the world. Custom built textbooks. Since 2003, we work with the same friends in the same places. Twenty five semesters in, these details add up, and our students return home engaged in their own learning and ready to make a difference. Today our Traveling School community is anchored by 280 alumnae. These young women continue to share their Traveling School stories and experiences. Their sisters and friends follow, and the community blooms. This year marks our first steps to build an alumnae network to connect these powerful females across semesters.

We value relationships. The Traveling School has made friends all over the world. We meet in campgrounds, on rivers, in the market, and on tours. Learning happens in all these places; classes are designed around the people

we meet and the places we travel. Everyone has a story, and our girls come to realize they are surrounded by a reference library of primary sources. The relationships and stories are unquestionably what our students value most at the end of a semester. They're hooked. The world is forever their classroom. We continue to draw inspiration from and collaborate with a team of over 40 teachers who care deeply about the future of TTS. Parents, teachers and friends share their homes, their cars, their resources, talents and gifts. Our Board of Directors is intimately connected ensuring The Traveling School inspires the next generation of young women.

We continue to hone what we do. If you have any feedback to share, please contact us. You are the reason we are still here 25 semesters later.

With sincere gratitude,

Jennifer Royall, Head of School
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With powerful voices

Widened perspectives

Inspired to learn

Able to adapt and take risks

Engaged with the world

BUILDING FEMALE LEADERS

CELEBRATING 25 SEMESTERS

SINCE 2003

2,625

Days Overseas

19

Countries Explored

Innumerable

Trails hiked, rivers paddled, cliffs rappelled, lives transformed.

280

Inspired Alumnae

\$529,689

Financial Aid Awarded

Limitless

Conversations initiated, relationships built, global citizens created.

46

Faculty Role Models

6,750

Classes Taught

4

Passionate Full Time Staff

8,792

Community Service Hours

"You are going to look at education in a whole new light and see yourself making a mark in the world."

—SHARLEEN GARCIA, TTS25

INSPIRED TO LEARN

TTS24 SOUTHERN AFRICA

"TTS will open worlds that you never even thought existed, and will teach you not only how many galaxies there are outside of you but also how many there are inside of you."

—CLAUDIA AMEIJERAS, TTS24



TTS25 CENTRAL AMERICA

"My Traveling School experience led me to become a more confident, inspired and curious young woman, and I finally feel as though I have the skills to be a successful leader."

—KATY HUMPHRIES, TTS25



ENGAGED WITH THE WORLD

The Traveling School experience impacts our student's entire lives, not just the 15 weeks they spend with us. These young women take charge of their futures, are able to adapt, and are willing to take risks. Our alumnae study international development and global health, work for Internet startups, attend medical school, write code for Google, work for nonprofits, and volunteer for the Peace Corps. They are doctors, actresses, students, teachers, entrepreneurs, nurses, photographers and mothers. Their Traveling School experience continues to guide their decisions and interactions with the world.



OUR GROWING ALUMNAE NETWORK

In 2015 The Traveling School launched an Alumnae Council, celebrated alumnae philanthropy with an online day of giving and hosted our first East Coast reunion. We look forward to the first alumnae trip this coming summer. 25 semesters later, our alumnae count 280 strong; The Traveling School alumnae network is more powerful than ever.



"As far as preparation goes, The Traveling School prepared me better than grad school. I draw on the skills I learned during my semester with TTS more than I draw on my teaching or study skills. TTS taught me to approach unfamiliar situations with a patient and open heart. TTS showed me how to make meaningful connections with people who are different from me. TTS helped me refine my attitude and perspective in daily life. These are the skills that I have found truly make a difference."

SARAH GASPARI, TTS14

After earning her Master's degree at William and Mary College, Sarah currently resides in Gunma, Japan and works for the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program as an Assistant Language Teacher.

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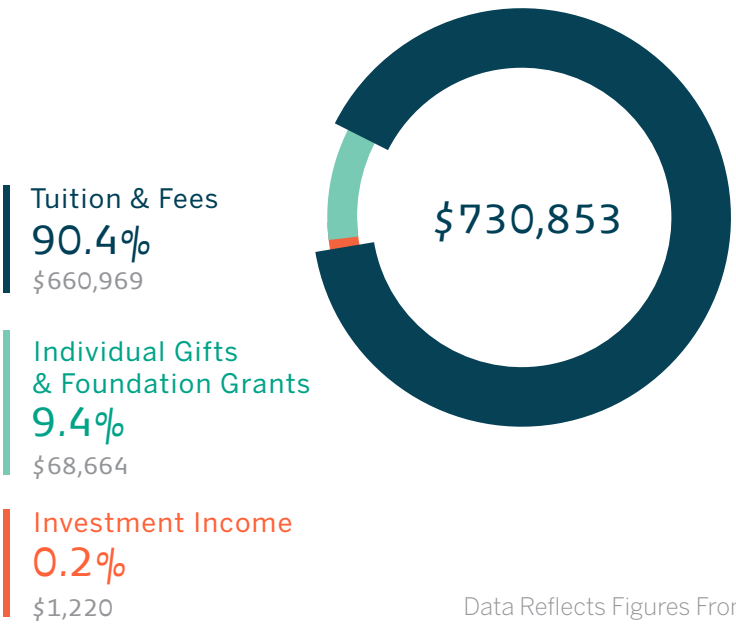
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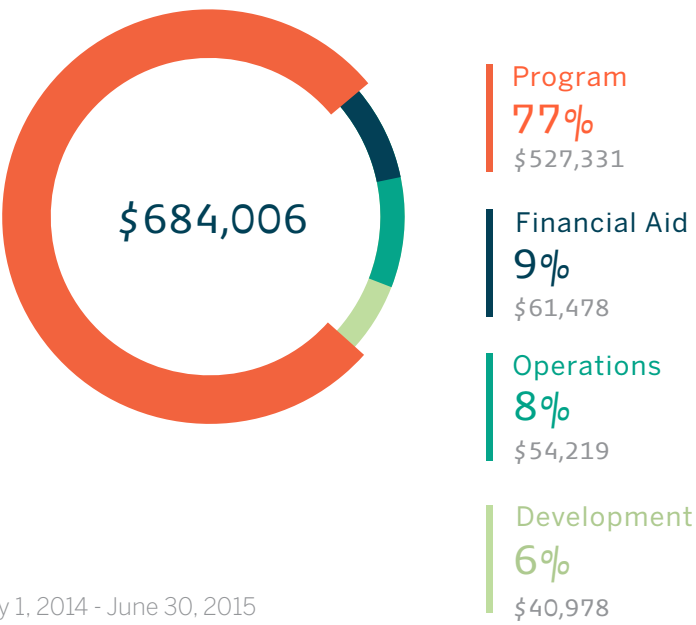
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It is with sincere gratitude that we thank our donors, who have supported The Traveling School. This year marked a giant step towards cultivating sustainable funding for The Traveling School. We raised \$68,664 from 160 generous donors. Our alumnae giving is on the rise, with a record 32 donors, and our parent giving spans the semesters from TTS1 to TTS27. Financial

aid awards grew 15%, and we invested in our excellent faculty and staff through increased salaries and benefits. Looking forward, our financial aid goal is to distribute \$100,000 in 2018 to an increasingly diverse group of young women. Together we will continue to provide teenage girls with challenges, inspiration and motivation to make a difference in the world.

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—VALORIE SCHAEFER & RICHARD BOCK, PARENTS TTS24

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