



2018 Impact Report





Dear Friends,

As I've visited with alumnae this past year, I've been blown away by the power of their stories and accomplishments. Whether one, six or 16 semesters later, I found a common thread of gratitude for their Traveling School semester and its impact.

Our alumnae community, 371 strong, is an impressive crew of young women – nonprofit leaders, artists and Peace Corps volunteers. They are first-generation college graduates, attend our nation's best universities and they are all lifelong learners. They are mothers, artists, business owners, filmmakers and activists. And for so many of our alumnae, The Traveling School was pivotal in their journeys.

Don't take it from me, take it from Jane, Chloe and Ceely, whose stories are shared in the pages to follow. The Traveling School's approach to experiential education and leadership development is proven, and their stories are shining examples of this.

Moreover, their inspiring accomplishments are a tribute to each and every one of YOU, our community. Thank you for continuing to support The Traveling School. It is important work!

When we help girls find confidence as teenagers, they will be able to speak up throughout their lives. If we help young women build leadership skills, they will run our non-profits, businesses and political systems. If our youth learn about important global issues, they will forever be more effective agents of change and will solve the problems that ache our world.

This is what The Traveling School does for young women. And we couldn't do it without YOU!

Here's to the next generation of stronger, fuller, fiercer women,

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The Traveling School is:



An Intellectual Journey

that challenges young women to think critically about important global issues



A Community of Women

built overseas through profound shared experiences



A Transformative Opportunity

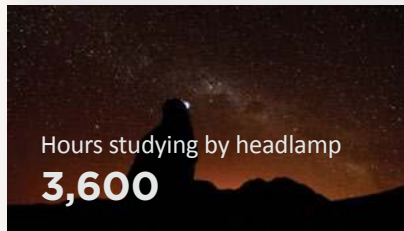
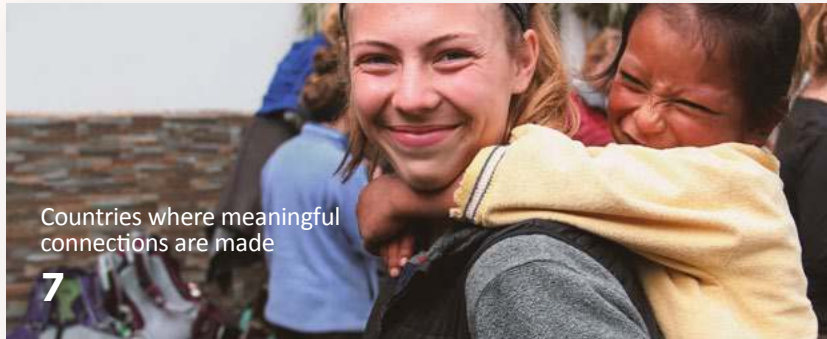
for young women to take risks and push their comfort zones



A Supportive Environment

that empowers teenage girls to find confidence and speak their minds

A Lasting Impact



Leadership in action

Speaking up right away

JANE BELCASTER

ALUMNA, SPRING 2018 SOUTH AMERICA

At 18 years old, Jane is already leaning in and making an impact through her high school newspaper, the *Trapeze*.

Inspired by a journalism course her sophomore year, Jane is now the managing editor as a senior. **"The Traveling School gave me a new sense of confidence,"** Jane says, which has allowed her to speak up.

Since returning from her Traveling school semester, Jane reflects, "I wrote a story criticizing how my school complies with Title IX because they weren't doing as much as I think they could around this issue. I wouldn't have had the guts to do that – putting my high school athletics on blast - before The Traveling School."

The very next issue, Jane wrote a front page article highlighting her in-person interview with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. After requesting a 15-minute interview in a handwritten letter, Jane spent a full hour with the Supreme Court Justice and women's rights champion.

She started her letter to Justice Ginsburg with **"... five months ago, I might not have had the courage to send a letter like this to someone like you..."** because, Jane asserts, it was the confidence she gained on her Traveling School semester that moved her to reach out to her shero.

"The Traveling School is important for gaining that sense of confidence as a girl, and speaking up in a way that women and girls aren't conditioned to do," Jane explains.

After her Traveling School semester and learning in an all-female environment, Jane beams, **"I no longer have this feeling of not wanting to raise my hand for fear of being too outspoken, being bossy. I no longer have this feeling that I need to tame my voice."** ★



Leadership in action

Building community

3 years out

CHLOE LOEFFELHOLZ
ALUMNA, FALL 2015 SOUTHERN AFRICA

This fall, Chloe Loeffelholz silenced the rowdy crowd at The Traveling School's annual Passport Party fundraiser. A current student of communications at The University of Montana, Chloe shared, **"Those four months three years ago impact me every day."**

"The Traveling School made me into a creative and critical thinker," she confidently spoke into the microphone. "I could not have earned the Presidential Leadership Scholarship without the skills I gained on my semester."

"I thought I was not a leader, yet at The Traveling School I served as leader of the day and was elected class representative. I thought I was not physically strong, but I kayaked rapids and rock climbed. I thought I was quiet and invisible, but I started to feel seen and heard."

Today, Chloe demonstrates these leadership skills to make a difference in her newest community, at her college campus in Missoula. She is a Neighborhood Ambassador, the Social Media Officer for the Honors Student Association and a dedicated volunteer with the Girls Using Their Strengths (GUTS) program at a local elementary school.

Chloe is politically engaged and also an advocate for young women to become confident leaders. **"I want any girl who feels like four walls isn't enough to hold her curious mind to be on a Traveling School semester,"** she affirmed while peering into the crowd, "Because three years out, I am still learning how a semester with The Traveling School changed who I am." ★



Leadership in action

Engaging in Global Leadership 8 years later

CEELY HECK

ALUMNA, FALL 2010 SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ceely Heck recently completed her Peace Corps service in rural Cameroon as a Maternal and Child Health Volunteer.

Setting off on an international semester in Africa as a teenager takes strength and courage and, as Ceely reflects, “I was unprepared for the discomforts of living abroad.” Yet with the support of her Traveling School community, she was able embrace and grow from the challenges.

“It was with the lessons I learned from my Traveling School semester, that I was able to spend the last two years in the jungles of west Africa.”

And because of her ability to conquer challenges and embrace the uncomfortable, Ceely has made a profound impact in the Peace Corps. “I worked in the small village of Ngoap, Cameroon to start a mobile health clinic, arranged needed surgeries that were previously unavailable in my rural village, addressed malnutrition in young children and pregnant women, built latrines and helped to address the effects of HIV in our community.”

Like so many of her fellow alumnae, Ceely’s Traveling School semester rooted in her a sense of confidence, strength and a deep desire to be a global leader.

“If there is one piece of advice I have for future generations of aspiring female changemakers, it would be just this: lean into the discomfort, because you are stronger and braver than anyone, even you yourself, could imagine.” ✨





I realized the importance of small moments and of thinking big. All you need are some traveling sisters with you in spirit, a good sturdy duffle bag, a place to call home even if just for a few days and the dizzying freedom that you get from reading the world.

“ — ALUMNA, FALL 2017

The Traveling School provides students with an openness to experience new things, flexibility of an always changing schedule, empathy for the world and empowerment to make change.

“ — ALUMNA, SPRING 2018

The numbers

\$931,074.00

TOTAL REVENUE

\$833,740.00 89.5%

Tuition & Fees

\$97,334.00 10.5%

Individual Donations & Foundation Grants

\$961,406.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$634,431.00 66%

Program

\$130,500.00 13.6%

Financial Aid

\$102,318.00 10.6%

Development

\$94,157.00 9.8%

Operations

Data reflects figures from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

We are committed to financial transparency.

Full financial statements are available at travelingschool.com

Giving girls a chance

252

Total donors

48

Alumnae Gifts

100%

of gifts directly support financial aid

BECAUSE OF YOU



YOU GUESSED IT, YOU



ALSO YOU



My teachers were more than just teachers. They were mentors, role models and trusted friends.

“ — ALUMNA, FALL 2017

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THANKS

For being the caring, philanthropic community that makes it possible for Traveling School students to push their comfort zones, experience the world and gain the skills and confidence to become global leaders.

Together, we can change the narrative that sustains gender inequality in our world.

My daughter gained a clear understanding that young women, who overflow with curiosity and passion, and who work together, can move our world to a better place.

“ — PARENT, SPRING 2018



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and the sand dunes. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a soft orange near the horizon. A few wispy clouds are visible on the left side. The foreground shows the undulating curves of sand dunes, with some tracks visible in the sand. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

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ACADEMICALLY, PHYSICALLY AND CULTURALLY THROUGH
AN EXPERIENTIAL OVERSEAS HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER.