



**Global Village Project**





RAISING OUR VOICES

## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

**As I reflect on 2018, I feel immense gratitude for all that was accomplished with support from our generous community. As we immerse ourselves in 2019, I feel the excitement of fully realizing our 10th anniversary year and anticipating the years ahead. There is truly so much to celebrate!**

In 2018, 10 GVP alumnae graduated from high school and 2 GVP alumnae graduated from college—our first ever college graduates and our largest high school graduating class yet! Together, we celebrate these young women, their families, and all those who empowered and encouraged them.

We enrolled our largest GVP class to date in 2018, completed our 5-year reaccreditation through the Georgia Accrediting Commission, concluded one 3-year strategic plan and created a brand new one, underwent a thorough legal check up with assistance from our friends at Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta, created our first Volunteer and Mentor Handbooks, completely updated our website and created our first promotional video, and registered our first Girls on the Run Heart & Sole scholarship team. And, we finished our first GOTR 5K together!

We have achieved so much in the past year and over the past 9 years with your help, and together we have encouraged the dreams and futures of more than 225 refugee girls. Since 2009, GVP students, who are representative of the millions of young women and refugees around the world who are denied basic education, have come to us with dreams of high school graduation, college, and careers that will allow them to care for their families and communities. These young women haven't given up on their dreams, despite the odds. They embody what is possible with access to excellent education and a community of support. They remind us that better education empowers better futures and a better world.

Our Global Village is a powerful and generous community of care for newcomer refugee girls as they begin their educational journeys in the US and imagine their futures beyond our school. Thank you for believing and investing in the dreams and futures of each and every girl at GVP and for helping us dream a better world, one girl at a time. We look forward to celebrating a decade of making dreams come true with you in 2019!

With much gratitude,

*Amy E. Khissaro, Ph.D.*





Student

Aya



RAISING OUR VOICES

## ONE GIRL AT A TIME

**Playmaking for Girls (PFG) “helps me to communicate and make connections.”**

Aya, a current GVP Form 3 student, describes her experiences in weekly PFG classes. Aya has participated in more than 60 PFG classes over the past 2 years at GVP and also had the opportunity over the summer to work with Ms. Susie, PFG Director and GVP teaching artist, in a special weeklong workshop with other Atlanta area youth.

PFG is a longtime GVP partner and innovative theater program that aims to empower young women and help them find their voices and speak their stories. For Aya, PFG enables and encourages her to express herself in ways she could not as a teenage newcomer to the U.S. and English Learner. PFG brings powerful arts integration to GVP, and arts integration connects learning to life. Each one of our students engages in arts experiences that allow them to actively build new knowledge and skills, confidence and “connections.” Ms. Susie says, “Aya has grown so much in just two short years! I truly believe that GVP and PFG have given her the safe space to find her unique strength and voice as a person... Aya will continue to make a big difference in her community as a strong, talented, empathetic leader. I can’t wait to see what’s in store for her.”

GVP offers Aya (and every GVP girl) an excellent education and the community of support she needs to reach her greatest potential and her dreams. As Aya transitions into high school next year, GVP will stay connected and continue to support her through our mentoring program. We can’t wait to see the great things she will achieve in high school and beyond.

**21 GVP  
alumnae**  
attended college  
during the 2017-18  
school year.



45 girls, ages 11 to 17, were enrolled in GVP this year, from 12 countries, including Burma, Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Central African Republic.

**35** GVP alumnae  
have graduated from  
high school as of May  
2018. We also celebrated  
our first two college  
graduates in May!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# ONE DREAM AT A TIME

**“I was a young woman that met some incredibly intelligent and accomplished people and learned from them,” Kaltouma says of her GVP mentors.** Kaltouma came to GVP in 2014, when she was 18, married, and had just had a baby. Her younger sister came to GVP the year before, and Kaltouma desperately wanted to join her. Over that school year, Kaltouma grew multiple grade levels in reading and math and prepared to move into high school. She was matched with mentor, Julia Levy, through the GVP Mentor Program but shortly after starting high school in Clarkston moved to Maine with her cousins.

Despite the move, Kaltouma says, “I still receive love from GVP! I would like to give a huge appreciation to my mentors Ms. Julia, Ms. Pia, and Ms. Nanci. These incredible ladies helped me through so much that no one can even imagine. GVP is where all the magic and my miracle began. I am super lucky to be part of GVP.” Julia explains, “While I am Kaltouma’s official mentor, in reality Kaltouma has at least 7-8 mentors—women involved in the GVP Mentor Program that she and I can always count on to provide support and encouragement. I believe the secret ingredient to the GVP Mentor Program’s success is the way it has, under Michelle Kuperman’s leadership, fostered a community of support around every student. This community of amazing women has lifted Kaltouma up so many times, helping her work through so many challenges.”

In 2018, Kaltouma became a U.S. citizen, earned her driver’s license, and graduated from an Adult Education program. Julia says, “I hope that Kaltouma achieves her dream of becoming a nurse. She spent her first six months in the U.S. by the bedside of her mother as she was dying of cancer. This experience has motivated her, despite immense obstacles including an education that only went up to 3rd grade in Central African Republic, to pursue an education, obtain her GED and enroll in college.” Kaltouma is reaching for her dreams, and GVP supports her!

Volunteers gave 9,619 hours in service this year to support GVP students and staff. 65 mentors provided over 12,000 hours in support for 93 alumnae and students in the GVP Mentor Program.

**“Working with Kaltouma brought so much richness and new experiences to my own life.** I count her and her daughter as part of my own family. Her courage, resilience, optimism, honesty, work ethic and compassion for others inspire me and amaze me. I feel so blessed to call her a friend. “ – Julia Levy



Kaltouma and Julia

Mentee  
&  
Mentor





Khaty

Alumna



WORKING TOWARD A NEW FUTURE

## ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

**“The biggest help we received from GVP was hope... my daughters were so lonely and struggling with culture shock, learning a language, and homesickness... they felt lost in a dark life and GVP took their hands and welcomed them with open arms”** says Khadija Barati, the mother of two Global Village Project alumnae, Khaty and Farzana. Khadija and her daughters resettled in Clarkston, Georgia from Kabul, Afghanistan in 2014. Khadija worked for the U.S. military in Afghanistan for four years. Her affiliation with the U.S. military endangered her family’s lives and forced them to leave their country.

When they first arrived Khaty and Farzana were enrolled in public school but were struggling to fit in and learn. When Khadija learned about GVP, she enrolled her daughters. Khadija’s “big dream” is her daughters’ education. She hopes for them to get scholarships and go to college, and she knows GVP has helped them toward the path of success. The girls determination and efforts are evident in their academic and extracurricular endeavors. Farzana has maintained a 3.9 GPA, and Khaty has not only skipped a grade (advancing from 9th to 11th grade) but maintained a 3.8 GPA at Druid Hills High School. Khaty was voted most improved player on the Druid Hills High Junior Varsity softball team this year. Farzana was chosen for the selective Level 3 of the PeaceBuilders Camp program and will be attending a conference in Tallahassee in April of 2019. Mom has also been successful in her work, and she is starting a GED program in January 2019.

Khadija and her daughters are still an integral part of the GVP community—Khadija was the first parent to participate in GVP’s Strategic Planning Committee and her daughters are active in the Mentor Program and alumnae events. According to Khadija, “GVP totally changed our lives in many good ways. My daughters got a lot of opportunity to believe in themselves as strong young ladies. They learned how to stand for their rights, and it makes me proud.”



GVP served **36 families** during the 2017-18 school year. 100% of parents attended both fall and spring parent-teacher conferences, showing dedication to their daughters’ educational success. **More than 120 hours of interpretation** were paid for in the 2017-2018 school year to support parental engagement in their daughters’ education.



# Financial Statements

## Statements of Financial Position FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 (ENDED JULY 31, 2018)

ASSETS	2018	2017
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,106,347	\$927,300
Contributions receivable	304,520	10,331
Government grant receivable	5,622	8,283
Prepaid expenses	<u>11,519</u>	<u>22,622</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,428,008</u>	<u>968,536</u>
Property and equipment — net	<u>154,201</u>	<u>159,207</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,582,209</u>	<u>1,127,743</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>19,423</u>	<u>44,490</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>19,423</u>	<u>44,490</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,033,210	1,025,790
Temporarily Restricted	<u>529,576</u>	<u>57,463</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,562,786</u>	<u>1,083,253</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>1,582,209</u>	<u>1,127,743</u>

## Statements of Activities

REVENUES, GAINS, AND SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$1,212,879	\$726,046
Government grant revenue	73,700	59,610
Special events (net of direct cost benefit to donors of \$22,029 and \$14,994)	237,356	219,894
Interest and dividends	2,491	858
Realized Gain on sale of donated stock	57,463	167
Total Revenue and Support	<u>1,526,426</u>	<u>1,006,575</u>
EXPENSES AND LOSSES		
Program Services	747,483	669,729
Supporting Services		
Management and general	114,022	101,591
Fundraising	<u>185,291</u>	<u>188,417</u>
Total Expenses	1,046,796	959,737
Loss on sale of donated stock	<u>97</u>	<u>=</u>
Total Expenses and Losses	1,046,893	959,737
Change in Net Assets	479,533	46,838
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,083,253</u>	<u>1,036,415</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$1,562,786</u>	<u>\$1,083,253</u>



Dear Friends of GVP,

Whenever I talk about Global Village Project, the first thing I mention is how aptly named this unique school is as it truly does take a village of supporters like you (volunteers, mentors, and donors) giving selflessly of your time, talent, and treasure to provide refugee girls and young women with interrupted education the education necessary to pursue their dreams. Your on-going investment in GVP is sincerely appreciated.

We have just entered into the first of our new 3-year strategic plan and I would like to give special thanks to GVP staff, volunteers, parents, and local community members who helped shape GVP's focus in three areas: Increasing Awareness and Impact, Expanding & Enhancing Programs, and Ensuring Organizational Health.

As a Board of Directors, our theme has been one of Ambassadorship, as we have focused on spreading the word about this amazing school to further expand our base of supporters to help ensure GVP's long-term financial stability. Going forward we are focusing on increasing the number of sustaining donors and Cornerstone Members to provide a more consistent financial foundation to enable GVP to continue to be an innovative model for refugee education globally.

We hope you enjoy reading about the accomplishments and achievements GVP and its students have made in the past year, knowing that you have been an integral part of the success. Each of you truly emulates the theme of GVP's 10th Anniversary "Raising our Voices". Continued Thanks!

Warm Regards,

Ellen Dotts, Board Chair



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Decatur Presbyterian Church  
DeKalb School for the Arts  
DeKalb Public Library,  
Decatur & Clarkston Branches  
Fermata Partners / CAA Sports  
(Creative Artists Agency)  
Foojee  
Georgia State University  
Girls on the Run  
Graphic Solutions Group

SooGin Ma  
Stan Heatly  
Stephanie and Todd Bruno  
Stephanie Johnson  
Susan and Ted Johnson  
Susan Clearman  
Susan Williams  
Sylvia Cross  
Tammy Hubbard  
Teni-Ola Ogunjobi and  
Kennedy Ekene\*  
Terri and Derek Tubbs  
Tillie Young  
Timothy Higgins  
Tina Cunningham  
Todd Evans and Dorothy  
Craft Evans  
Tom Siracusa and Wesley Logue  
Trinity Mercantile & Design  
Valerie Biousse and  
Nancy Newman  
Valerie Boss  
Vicki and Ernie Ginter\*  
Vicki Powers  
Warren and Tricia Kornblum  
Yvonne Monet  
Zakia El Omari

High Museum of Art  
Kennesaw State University  
Dept. of Theatre &  
Performance Studies  
Leon's Full Service  
Lisha Johnson  
Little Shop of Stories  
Lorrie Dallek Photography  
Most Valuable Kids, Atlanta  
New American Pathways  
Notre Dame Mission  
Volunteers — AmeriCorps  
(NDMVA)  
Probono Partnership  
of Atlanta  
Shephard Exposition Services  
Shimmy Mob  
Sierra Club  
Snack in a Backpack/Glenn  
Memorial UMC  
Synchronicity Theatre /  
Playmaking for Girls  
Steel City Pops  
The Galloway School  
Think College Access  
VOXATL





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## Global Village Project

Global Village Project, Inc. (GVP) is a 501(c)(3) special purpose middle school for refugee girls and young women with interrupted education. With an approach focused on students' strengths and resources, we aim to demonstrate how adolescent English Language Learners with limited and interrupted education can be highly successful students and empowered citizens. Located in Decatur, Georgia, GVP serves approximately 45 students between the ages of 11-18 each year. Students pay no tuition and transportation and lunch are provided free of charge. Nearly 100 alumnae and students are provided support that extends beyond our school through GVP's Mentor Program. GVP aims to provide an exemplary model of excellent and equitable education for newcomer refugee learners.

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