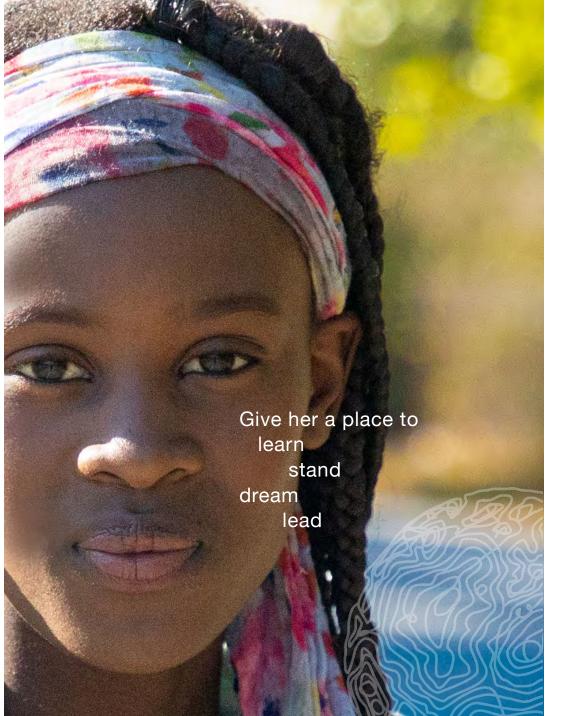


Annual Report 2019

## Global Village Project TRANSFORMING WORLDS



...and she will transform the world.

## Change + Growth <u>+ Vision</u> Transformation

## A New Chapter for GVP

This year highlights a new season of transformation for our school and community. From the comprehensive growth of academic programs, to an expanded leadership structure, to Global Village Project's international impact, transformation is reflected in all aspects of GVP's work. This progress is the result of our collaborative community.

Several exciting developments have catalyzed this season of transformation. In 2019 GVP alumnae formed the first Alumnae Advisory Council, contributing as youth leaders a dynamic form of partnership and leadership to GVP. Secure in the knowledge of their experiences and accomplishments, these graduates are reaching back to support their sisters and contribute to the strategic direction of the school. In addition, this year educational outreach at GVP was at an all-time high as we welcomed and worked with educators around the world. The leadership team is expanding with the new role of the Director of SAGA (Student, Academic, and Global Affairs), who will innovate programs for current students and broaden educational influence globally, emphasizing the transferability of the GVP model to support refugee learners and girls around the world.

On the academic front, GVP's all-day educational program is strengthened two-fold with the hire of a full-time, on-staff School Counselor/SEL Coordinator and of a STEAM Coordinator. Their expertise will support the commitment to increase the effectiveness and impact of restorative practices and innovative instruction on refugee students at GVP and beyond. Technology advancements include the addition of a stage and professional sound system. Students will not only be able to have their voices amplified, but will also assist with sound and the audio-visual components of their performances.Transformative momentum continues to build, as GVP soars into its second chapter.

# TRANSFORMING WORLDS

# innovation

GVP merges an innovative school model with a strong community of support to create an extraordinary approach to education and learning. This is a place where love, commitment, and excellence mutually thrive. We are a village of lifelong learners, where our most significant moments occur when learning from and with each other. GVP is unique in its commitment to serving refugee girls and taking risks to contribute to educational equity and improvement.

### We are committed to...

# integration

GVP's interdisciplinary and integrated approach to learning emphasizes creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. Four pillars – Intensive English Language & Literacy, STEAM, Social & Emotional Learning, and Mentoring– form the unique educational model that emphasizes experiential learning and community engagement. More than 200 community volunteers and quarterly community events promote integration and engagement for students, families, and community members.

# inclusion

GVP values diversity in all its dimensions. We emphasize the inclusive power of raising our voices and sharing lived experiences. GVP has created a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiative, founded upon the principles of GVP's origins and reflective of our transformative growth. We collectively work to integrate these DEI values throughout our culture, systems, and practices.

**ONE GIRL AT A TIME.** A year in the life of a GVP girl

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4 Author's Teas to share their voices

> 9 weeks of Women's Health Classes



One 3-day overnight learning trip

100 morning circle meetings

2 grade levels or more of growth in Math & Reading



Six weeks of Summer Club and Camps

30 drama classes

every day at Agnes Scott College

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#### GVP's Spheres of Impact Milestones of 2019



#### **Our Alumnae**

GVP's community of support is proud of the 12 alumnae who formed the new Alumnae Advisory Council in 2019, as well as the **89 GVP** program graduates who are currently enrolled in or already graduated from high school. Of the 46 high school graduates, **35 are currently in college and 4 have earned their degrees!** 



#### Highlight: Welcome Walk 2018

In a stunning display of the community that encircles GVP girls, more than 250 students, alumnae, parents, volunteers, partners, and friends walked the 4.8 miles from Clarkston to downtown Decatur for the Global Village Welcome Walk. Previously the Connecting Communities Walk, the 2018 event raised nearly \$57,000—almost double the impact of the previous year.

#### Partners

GVP maintained **73 active and diverse partnerships during the year**. Partners are from corporate, educational, civic, and non-profit sectors. Their generous gifts and services range from hygiene products and in-house lunches to experiential learning trips and legal work.

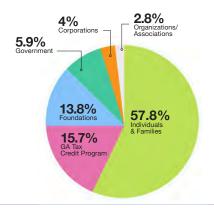
#### **Volunteers and Mentors**

209 volunteers, including mentors, supported every aspect of GVP's programming and gave over 10,000 hours of support. Not only was this phenomenal community present for our students, but they showed their commitment to lifelong learning and service by participating in the new Trauma-Informed and Restorative Practices training session.



#### Donors

GVP's friends stepped forward in powerful ways. **795 families and 83 institutional funders supported the growth and sustainability of the school in our 10th year.** 



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