April 2024 Featured Grant

Educating Girls is Good for the Planet
About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

• direct services
• new projects
• expansion of existing projects
• general operations
• capacity building
The Global Issue

Women are vulnerable to climate change and critical to solving the issues:

- often dependent on natural resources
- primary caretakers of water, land, and forests
- engaged in farming, collecting water and firewood
Life Challenges of Rwandan Women & Girls

• Systemic discrimination and marginalization
• Limited economic power and access to healthcare & education
• Gender-based violence
• Political underrepresentation
Our April Featured Grantee: Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund

- Founded by legendary female environmental scientist
- Dedicated to region’s biodiversity: gorillas are iconic flagship species
- 55+ years of successful conservation work saving gorillas
- Holistic model includes training conservationists
Why We Love This Project

• Addresses education inequalities in Rwanda
• Gives girls opportunities outside the classroom
• Promotes careers in conservation
• Sustainable: creates perpetual group of women to mentor others
How Our Grant Will Be Used

$50,000 Project Grant to fund:

• Training teachers in Girls in Conservation curriculum
• Lesson delivery
• Mentorship training & Shadow Day
• Poster presentation workshop
• Scholarships
## Budget

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| Scholarships, Supplies, and Equipment | • Computers, software and antivirus software for students  
 • Refreshments/ lunch for participants at workshops  
 • Accommodations at the Fossey Fund Student Housing for Conservation Workshop  
 • Course materials, school supplies  
 • Permits to enter the VNP to see golden monkeys (many of the students have never seen the animals in their natural habitat)  
 • Stipend for educators and mentors  
 • Travel for students to Ellen Campus  
 • Scholarships awarded to girls for private schools  
 • Cell plans for staff and educators to stay connected                                                                                     | $35,000 |
| Project Personnel Costs           | • Community Manager (30% of her time devoted to project)  
 • Interns (2 Rwandan interns to assist on a temporary basis)  
 • Program Manager (50% of her time devoted to project)                                                                                           | $15,000 |
| **TOTAL**                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                             | **$50,000** |
Anticipated Impact

Direct impact = 290+ people

- 20 teachers, principals and professional educators
- 20 female mentors
- 250 students – including 50 girls in the mentorship program and 15 to 20 scholarship recipients.