



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we've wrapped up Q1 for 2016 and are well into April! The first quarter of 2016 proved to be very busy at Girls Thinking Global and we are excited to share a few of our highlights with you!

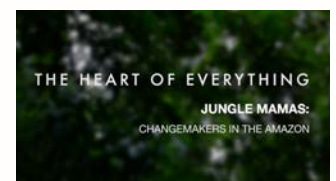
We began the year with great news by learning that the NEA Foundation had accepted our grant proposal to begin working on data visualization for the [GTG Collaborative!](#) Their grant will enable us to begin the important work of sharing the benefits of the Collaborative as we continue to raise funds for its overall development.

In February, we kicked-off our edWeb webinar series designed to foster leadership in women and girls. Ann McMullan, a leader in the world of education technology implementation, presented *Life Lessons in Leadership*. In early April, Deb Delisle, executive director of ASCD and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education presented *Courageous Leadership*. We've had 549 people attend the live webinars, and 1,463 people register and receive the presentations. You can view these webinars and sign up for future presentations by joining the [Girls Thinking Global edWeb community](#).

We were also thrilled to add, [Cynthia Schultz](#), to the Girls Thinking Global Board of Directors in February. Cynthia brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the private sector as well as in the operations of both the government and non-profit sectors. She currently serves as the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer to Affiniti. In this capacity, she oversees the legal affairs of the company, including litigation and public policy initiatives. We are delighted to welcome her as our newest board member!

In March, we were busy attending meetings that were central to girls' issues around the world. Cynthia Schultz attended the Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls hosted by Secretary of State John Kerry in Washington, D.C. Secretary Kerry shared that the State Department will be working with countries to help them change their laws in order to educate girls, stop forced early childhood marriage, and end the practice of female genital mutilation. All three of these policies going forward will be part of the diplomatic dialogue between nations and tied to US funding.

The California Association of African American School Administrators also screened our documentary at their conference in March. If any schools, groups or organizations that you are involved with would like to screen the documentary, please feel free to do so via our web site or [Vimeo](#) page. We'd love to hear how it goes and the conversation it generates!



Later in April, we look forward to participating in the Girls' Education Leadership Network meeting at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C.



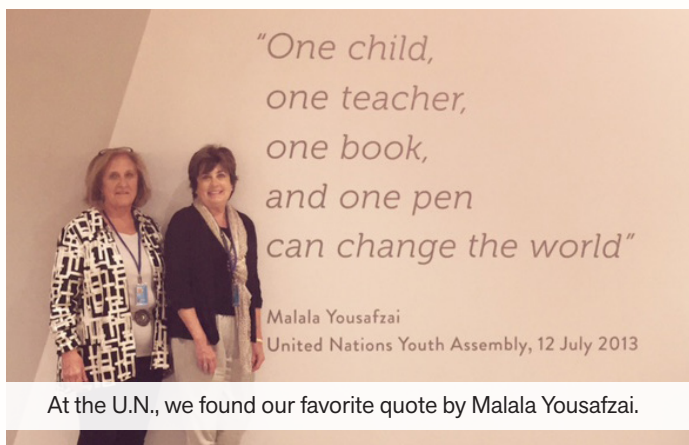
Secretary Kerry speaks at the Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls meeting in Washington, D.C.

Kathy Hurley and Deb deVries attended the 60th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York. One of the many sessions they attended was Mothers Legacy Project, which addressed the need for more access to education, healthcare and modern training for women to reduce both maternal deaths and infant mortality rates related to pregnancy and childbirth.

Panel members included Robin Fink and Narcisa Masheinto who were both featured in our documentary, *The Heart of Everything: Jungle Mamas – Changemakers in the Amazon*. They discussed the work of Jungle Mamas and the importance of the having the documentary, not only in English and Spanish, but also in the native Achuar language as it has served as an awareness and education tool in explaining the benefits of the program to the indigenous Achuar population they are serving.



Kathy Hurley, Robin Fink, Narcissa Masheinto and Deb deVries after the Mothers Legacy Project Panel at the Commission on the Status of Women meetings.



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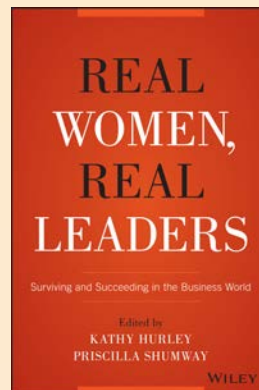


This summer:

This summer we will be attending, and serving as one of the host organizations, for the first-ever [Women Leaders in Education](#) conference in Boston. The conference is designed for K-12 education professionals to share strategies, learn from experts and connect with colleagues. This one-of-a-kind event empowers women within education to grow personally and professionally – providing the opportunity to engage with women leaders who share similar aspirations and goals, assisting in the development of each individual's professional roadmap, and exploring the latest trends and issues within the industry. For anyone interested in joining us, [registration is now open!](#)



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You can still get a copy of *Real Women, Real Leaders* co-published by Kathy Hurley and Priscilla Shumway. Kathy is donating a portion of the proceeds to **Girls Thinking Global!**

As we continue to grow *Girls Thinking Global*, we hope that you will go to our [web site](#) to learn more about what we are doing and [to donate!](#) We'd also love for you to help us raise awareness by sharing and following our activities via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Vimeo](#).

We look forward to sharing more updates with you this summer!

*Warmest Regards,
Kathy Hurley & Deb deVries
CEO and President*