



Dear Friends,

As we begin to say a fond farewell to 2015, we wanted to update you on all our accomplishments over this past year and share with you our plans for the future.

Over the past year, we have welcomed a new Executive Director, and recruited a talented and devoted Board of Directors. Working together, we successfully revamped our web site and have launched a social media outreach via Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Vimeo.



This spring we completed our first documentary, *The Heart of Everything: Jungle Mamas – Changemakers in the Amazon*, which is available on our web site in English, Spanish and the Achuar language, native to the Ecuadorian Amazon.

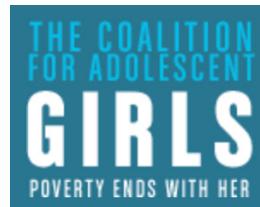


THE HEART OF EVERYTHING

JUNGLE MAMAS:

CHANGEMAKERS IN THE AMAZON

In August, we joined the Coalition for Adolescent Girls, which brings together dozens of international organizations to design, implement and evaluate programs that benefit girls throughout the developing world who are trapped in cycles of poverty.



Over the summer, we met key partners in the movement to educate and empower adolescent girls in the United States and around the globe.



Our meetings included USAID, World Bank, AGE Africa, Million Women Mentors, Global Campaign for Education, U.S.

Department of Education, Brookings Institution, ASCD, Innovations in Civic Participation, NEA Foundation, Creative Associates, and the Coalition for Adolescent Girls. All of these meetings were wonderful and proved very fruitful for us as we continue to build our network and forge partnerships.

In September, we traveled to New York to participate in the United Nations General Assembly meetings addressing issues critical to adolescent girls and young women around the world, especially those in developing countries. We learned about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and are working to incorporate those goals into work of Girls Thinking Global. While we were in New York, we had the honor of attending the Ford Foundation's *Let Girls Learn* event and the Girls CHARGE event hosted by the Brookings Institute.



We capped off the year as delegates to the annual WISE Summit in Dohar, Qatar, where we learned of many efforts to improve girls' education in some of the most challenging areas of the world.

We also received our much anticipated 501(c)(3) status from the IRS at the end of August, which has helped tremendously with our ability to raise funds and seek grants.

Coming Soon:

Update from GTG trip to India with CoSN



Girls Thinking Global Webinar Series Launch: *Fostering Leadership in Women and Girls* Webinar Series hosted by EdWeb.Net

Fostering Leadership in Women and Girls

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Presented by Kathy Hurley, CEO, and Deb DeVries, President, Girls Thinking Global
Sponsored by Girls Thinking Global

[WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

Deb DeVries and Kathy Hurley, co-founders of Girls Thinking Global, a nonprofit dedicated to the empowerment and education of adolescent girls and young women worldwide presented the first webinar for the Girls Thinking Global community. Deb and Kathy led an engaging conversation on some of the latest research on the strengths of women and leaders, and real life experiences of women who have achieved significant leadership roles in education and business based on interviews conducted with women leaders from Kathy Hurley's book, *Real Women, Real Leaders*.

What are the qualities that make women good leaders? How can we begin to



GTG Blog Launch

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

We are continuing to raise funds to build the **GTG Collaborative**, which will be an online community of practice for organizations that provide services to adolescent girls and young women to exchange ideas, share common goals and best practices, post and share resources and tools, and connect with one another about organizational needs as well as ways to make the most of their resources.

During this season of giving, we hope that you will consider giving to **Girls Thinking Global** as we aspire to develop this much needed online resource to connect organizations around the world that are working to educate and empower the current generation of adolescent girls. Girls Thinking Global is now part of Microsoft's corporate giving program, so any donation made by Microsoft employees will be matched. Let us know if your company may be interested in creating a matching program for Girls Thinking Global. You may also give by going directly to our web site; and for anyone who donates \$100 or more, Kathy Hurley will autograph the book that she recently published with Priscilla Shumway, *Real Women, Real Leaders*, and ship it to you.



We wish you all the best this Holiday Season and look forward to your continued support throughout 2016!

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

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