



**Women's Global Education Project** would like to thank The \$10 Club for your generous support of \$3,720 for our *Sisters-to-School Senegal* program to help alleviate rural poverty in developing nations by educating and empowering women and girls! This year's program has gotten off to a great start, thanks to your generous support.

**Your gift has enabled us to support our 30 elementary and 30 secondary school scholars in our *Sisters-to-School Senegal* Program with their school fees, books, knapsacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, and personal health supplies as well as to provide support services to our scholars to help them stay and succeed in school, and to help their families and their communities break down barriers that prevent access to education for girls.**

### **About Sisters-to-School Senegal**

UNICEF estimates that almost two-thirds of women age 15 and up in Senegal cannot read or write, and that only 16 percent of Senegalese girls finish elementary school and go on to secondary school. Through our *Sisters-to-School Senegal Program*, Women's Global provides **60 scholarships** to elementary and secondary school girls in the rural Sokone area, which cover tuition, fees, supplies, and room and board for girls who live too far away from their nearest school. We also provide **after-school tutoring for 40 additional girls** whose families can afford tuition fees but need extra support in order to pass rigorous grade-level exams to move on to the next grade.



Additionally, we provide:

- **Health education workshops** to help prevent school absences from health-related issues such as malaria and other preventable illnesses
- **Mentoring opportunities** to bring scholars into contact with women role models in various careers
- **Trade preparation classes** for older girls who were unable to attend school to help them make a viable living through activities such as hair styling, sewing, tie-dying, and fruit transformation
- **Community awareness events** to spread the word about the importance of educating girls and supporting girls in school

We have enclosed the stories of three of our *Sisters-to-School Senegal* scholars on the following pages. Your support is helping them achieve their goals and build a brighter future!



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## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT:

### **Fatou Sarr**, Toubacouta Middle School, Senegal

“My name is Fatou Sarr, and I am 12 years old. Life for my family has been difficult, especially for my parents to make a living. My father is a fisherman but he does not have a boat. My mother is often away traveling to a nearby town to sell fish, but sometimes my father is not able to have any fish to give to my mother to sell. Before receiving my scholarship, it was hard for me to go to school because my family lives far from the school, so I had to get up very early and walk four kilometers to get there. They also didn’t have the money to buy my materials for school, and I often did not have all the supplies.



Now that I have this scholarship, I can board with a family closer to the school so I don’t have to walk the four kilometers each way. My fees and supplies are taken care of, and I also get after-school tutoring, which is really helping me in my studies. I really like my teacher and my after-school tutor. I am very strong in math because of the after-school tutoring. It is my favorite subject because I am good at it! When I finish school, I want to become a nurse. My dream is to be able to help my family buy things and have a better life.”



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## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT:

### **Aminata Gueye**, École IV, Senegal

Several of our scholars come from families where the parents are illiterate and older siblings dropped out of school early to work or get married. Our scholars often are the first in their family to receive a solid education.

One such scholar is 7-year-old Aminata Gueye. She lives with her parents, neither of whom have any formal education. She has four older brothers who only went to Koranic school and an older sister who had no schooling at all and is already widowed with a baby. Aminata was the first the family to receive a formal education, and now her younger brother is following in her footsteps!

“I have some friends who don’t go to school, and they will probably become domestic workers,” Aminata says. “I’m happy I can go to school, because if I couldn’t, I would be doing domestic work also. Thank you helping me!”



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## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT:

### **Khady Biyaye, Limane, Senegal**

Khady (pictured middle, with her parents) is the first in her family to get an education. Neither of her parents went to school and after watching their other children struggle to make a living without any schooling, they were happy that Khady was given this opportunity.



Khady is so dedicated to getting her education that she would cross the river every day and walk two miles along a dirt path to get to the nearest school. Some days, the river water was so high that it would reach up to her thighs! Thankfully, a school recently opened right in her village of Limane, so she can now go to school closer to home.

“Because she is in school, we think Khady will have a better chance at a good life,” Khady’s father tells Women’s Global. “We are so happy with this program and thank everyone for supporting Khady!”

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### **About Women’s Global Education Project**

Women's Global was founded on the idea that everyone is entitled to an education, regardless of gender or economic status. We believe that universal education, gender equality and empowerment of women are critical to a society’s development. Therefore, our mission is to provide access to education and develop training programs that empower women and girls to build better lives and foster equitable communities. Our work is currently focused in sub-Saharan Africa, where literacy and school attendance rates for girls-- especially those from rural communities--are among the lowest in the world.

The \$10 Club funding allowed Women’s Global the opportunity to grow and support our girls’ education program in Senegal in a sustainable and measurable way. Your support is having huge impact in the community in terms of the number of participants in our programs and also the variety of activities in support of girls’ education that we can offer them. You are truly having a positive impact on the present future of women’s lives in Senegal. Thank you very much!

