



GIRLS GOTTA RUN

2021 Annual Report

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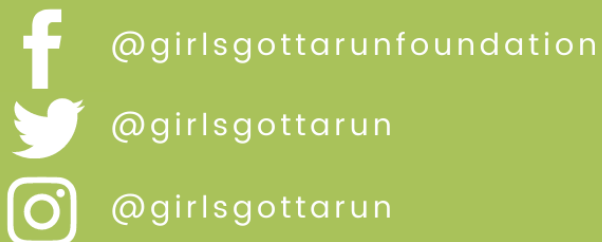


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GIRLS GOTTA RUN[®] WHO ARE WE?

OUR MISSION

Investing in girls who use running and education to empower themselves and their communities in Ethiopia.

OUR VISION

To increase the number of girls who finish secondary school, decrease the number of girls who marry and give birth before age 18, and increase the number of girls with access to information, supportive social networks, increased self-confidence and influence over their own life choices.



OUR PROGRAMS

Girls Gotta Run is the only non-profit organization in Ethiopia dedicated to using running as an innovative approach to creating safe spaces, ending child marriage and expanding access to secondary school for vulnerable girls.

Our programs focus on four key investment strategies for girls and their mothers:

- EDUCATION
- ATHLETICS
- LIFE SKILLS
- SAVINGS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



GIRLS GOTTA RUN[®] PROGRAMS



EDUCATION

Girls Gotta Run provides adolescent girls with full scholarships to attend primary and secondary school. The scholarships include a medical subsidy for the students and their moms, daily meals, uniforms, school supplies, tutoring, soap, sanitary pads, showers and space to wash clothes on the weekend. Girls Gotta Run also covers the cost of annual school exams that allow students to graduate into higher levels of education.

LIFE SKILLS

Girls Gotta Run creates safe spaces for girls by establishing life skills clubs where girls learn critical lessons needed in navigating adolescence. In these clubs, they are also able to build a community of peers. Each Saturday, the Girls Gotta Run Athletic Scholars complete life skills lessons with a monthly theme organized by their Female Mentor. The curriculum for these lessons was co-developed by the Center for Creative Leadership and Girls Gotta Run to provide experiential learning modules on family planning, financial literacy, HIV/AIDS awareness, nutrition, healthy relationships, leadership, and creative expression. Upon completing the year long life skills course, the Athletic Scholars become peer educators for the incoming class of female students.

Girls Gotta Run Athletic Scholars meet three times per week to run as a team and train under the direction of their Coach. Their schedule allows them to train without sacrificing the time they need for homework and family obligations. Each girl is provided with athletic gear, running shoes, water, and healthy snacks after each practice. The Girls Gotta Run teams also compete in one local race annually.



ATHLETICS

SAVINGS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Girls Gotta Run helps to establish savings and entrepreneurship groups with the mothers of the girls to whom we provide Athletic Scholarships.

Mothers are provided with a 5-day business development workshop, seed capital to establish a savings group, and the weekly oversight of a female savings group manager. At the end of the three-year program, participating mothers are invited to continue to invest in and develop their savings groups.

This program strategy equips mothers with the knowledge, tools, and mentorship needed to build financially resilient futures for themselves and their families.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR GIRLS GOTTA RUN®



DEAR FRIENDS,

I am pleased to provide this 2021 annual report which evidences the continued strength of the GGRF program as the world continued to cope with the pandemic and Ethiopia continued to battle with internal civil unrest and an average inflation rate of 26.8 percent. It was my great honor in January 2022 to begin a term as Chair of the Board of Directors during this turbulent time.

I joined the board of Girls Gotta Run Foundation six years ago after my son's visit to Ethiopia and his run with GGRF girls at a morning practice. They smoked him - even though he was a successful high school and later a collegiate varsity runner. Pride aside, he came home extolling the magnificent work of the organization and I knew I had to get involved.





My daughter was twelve at the time, the same age many girls in our program sites must leave school and get married because their families can't afford their studies. I couldn't even imagine my young daughter facing marriage at that age. After successfully fundraising for GGRF with local D.C. high school cross country and track teams, I joined the team running this organization.

The four pillars of our model remain strong: Educational Scholarships, Athletic Training, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. The strength of our program model and your continued generosity to GGRF this year, ensured our unfaltering support of the girls and their mothers despite the challenges we faced.

In the coming years we have plans to grow the depth of the organization to remedy learning loss from the pandemic, add additional girls to our program, provide even more robust support to our alumni students as they continue studying, graduate and move on to college, technical schools, or open businesses, as well as provide further support to the student athletes' mothers to continue our community impact.

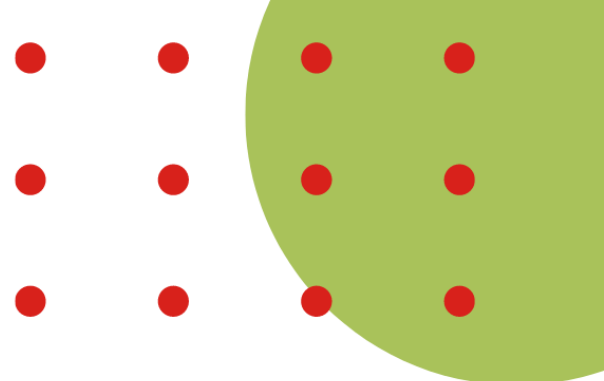
We wish to thank all of our donors for their support.



ALLYSON SENIE
DIRECTOR
GIRLS GOTTA RUN



GIRLS GOTTA RUN[®] LEADERSHIP



This meaningful work would not be possible without the deep commitment and inspirational guidance by our passionate board of directors.

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ETHIOPIAN PARTNER

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FOUNDER & ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

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Girls Gotta Run is immensely grateful for the gracious support of every partner, grantor, and individual donor who shares our vision of empowering Ethiopian girls and women through increased accessibility, resources, and opportunities.



ABBA PASCAL GIRLS' SCHOOL (APGS)

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MOTHERS WITH A HEART

SIIQQEE WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSOC. (SWDA)

SUCAFINA

SWEET MARIA'S COFFEE

TYLER PERRY FOUNDATION

WOMEN WIN

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

WHOLE FOODS



GIRLS GOTTA RUN[®]

FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES

contributions,
grants,
and others:
\$110,800

**total revenues:
\$110,800**

EXPENSES

program grants:
\$46,496

salaries and benefits:
\$24,621

contractual services:
\$9,058

other:
\$1,328

**total expenses:
\$81,503**

**reserve for
2022 programs:
\$29,297**





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KEEP THE PACE

IN 2022—

