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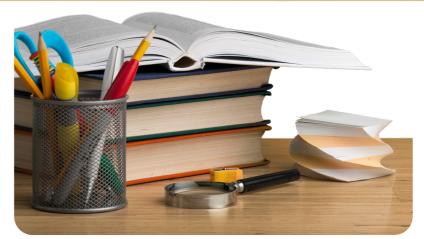
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Quote of the Month:

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family." —Kofi Annan



November: Closing Educational Gaps

This November Global is focusing on the Sustainable Development Goal of inclusive and equitable quality education. The prolonged effects of the pandemic have widened educational disparities worldwide, particularly impacting historically vulnerable and marginalized schools. In the U.S., the educational gap is stark, with students in majority Black schools falling behind by half a year in mathematics and reading by fall 2021, compared to just a 2-month lag for students in majority White schools. To address these gaps, Global is directing its monthly donation to Chicago Hopes for Kids, a community-based non-profit committed to providing comprehensive support to students and families experiencing homelessness. This organization prioritizes equitable educational development and long-term empowerment through mentorship and basic needs services. Their impactful programs have led to over 850 students and families benefiting, with an impressive 65% of students advancing one or more reading levels in just 12 weeks. Global takes pride in supporting Chicago Hopes for Kids as they actively work to bridge educational inequities and empower the most vulnerable communities.

Global Gives Back with FMSC



In the spirit of the giving season, part of Global's local team spent the afternoon volunteering at <u>Feed My Starving Children</u> in Aurora, IL. Recognizing the abundance for which we are grateful during the holidays, our team takes pride in collaborating with FMSC to pack life-saving MannaPack meals. FMSC and its distribution partners can reach 111 countries with their nutritiously dense and easy-to-digest meals. During our recent packing session, our team raced to work as quickly and accurately as possible helping to pack 35,424 meals, enough to help keep 97 children fed for a year. Although volunteers are packing these meals, the ingredients come at a cost, which is why Global, committed to making a positive impact, supported this packing session with a donation covering over 3,000 of these crucial meals.

In a year marked by global challenges including inflation, natural disasters, armed conflicts, and soaring food prices; families worldwide are grappling with increased hardships, leading to heightened hunger. Global proudly stands as a steadfast supporter of FMSC and its remarkable humanitarian efforts. As we approach the year-end, donations become even more critical to fill gaps and empower nonprofits like FMSC. This holiday season, we encourage you to find inspiration in giving back. Whether through time or donations, supporting a nonprofit close to your heart can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.



2024-25 Global Scholarship Program

The 2024-25 Global Scholarship Program is now open and accepting applications! This scholarship is open to all local students as well as friends and family of Global's partners. Below are the details of the scholarship and a link to the application run through SurveyMonkey.

<u>Apply Today</u>

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship award recipients are students who honor Global's values of people, innovation, and responsibility in the advancement of their education. Applicants do not have to be associated with Global to be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE April 1st, 2024

QUESTIONS?

Email our CSR Manager Visit our Scholarship Website

ELIGIBILITY

Students with a history of dedicated service to their community, extracurricular involvement, and high academic achievement should apply.

- 3.0 GPA
- 2 letters of recommendation

AWARD

Apply to our scholarship program to be considered for an award of <u>\$2,500</u>. There will be two recipients of this scholarship with a total of \$5,000 awarded.

APPLICATION TERMS

The application is run through Survey Monkey. All private information will not be shared with anyone outside of the Global scholarship committee.

Have Dreams Academy: Virtual Practice Interview with Global Brand Export and Development



"I consider myself lucky to have had this opportunity! Breaking down barriers, one step at a time, for individuals within the neurodiverse community." - Alejandra, Operations Manager

In April, Global proudly supported National Autism Awareness Month by donating to Have Dreams, a non-profit dedicated to supporting young adults with Autism with their professional and life skills. Have Dreams approached Global with a remarkable opportunity to engage in their workforce training program by hosting practice interviews for their interns. Recognizing the pivotal role interviews play in securing job opportunities, Global embraced this opportunity to assist interns in honing their skills for success in the competitive job market. We're honored by Have Dreams' proactive collaboration and look forward to more opportunities to come!