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Learn AND Teach

You're not too young to be a teacher! Join girls who are showing adults and kids how to make the world better.

Meet Sheilah from Uganda! She's on our cover and with friends at right—she's second from right. Sheilah told author/photographer Paola Gianturco how she and others in their Rhythmic Voices group are helping girls fulfill their dreams. They make presentations to lawmakers and other groups and, working with the women's group Rhythm of Life, also teach their peers how to reach their goals. Sharon of Rhythmic Voices (below) worked to

get menstrual pads in her school so girls wouldn't miss school because of their periods, and she encourages girls to stay in school.

You can find stories from girls around the world in Paola's awesome book, *Wonder Girls: Changing Our World*. Paola traveled with her granddaughter, Alex, 11, to lots of countries so they

could talk to girls who are making the world better. They found Indonesian girls getting environmental laws enacted; girls in India helping other girls escape being sold to older men; and girls in Myanmar who help girls stay safe on public transit and continue their education, among many more. Check out all the inspiring stories and beautiful photos in *Wonder Girls*!

Join Malala: School for Girls

Bet you know about Malala, the awesome Pakistani activist for girls' education who was nearly killed at 15 for her work. Malala is studying now at the University of Oxford, but she continues to travel around the world to get more girls going to school and achieving their dreams.

You can help Malala in lots of fun ways! Check out ideas at the organization she started at Malala.org. Like to read? So do girls in New York who started Girls Read for Girls in third grade to raise money

Here's part of Sheilah's story about her life.

My mother started selling bananas in Kampala. Her cousin told her that since she had a baby, she should work hard and get her own house. She worked hard and got her own house for 30,000 shillings (U. S. \$9). She would lay clothes on the ground and we would sleep.

I remember becoming sick. She took me for a check-up. I was shaking like a mad person. She told my dad I was HIV positive. My dad told my mom, 'I couldn't produce an HIV-positive girl, so that is not my child.'

A friend asked, 'How could I help you?' She said, 'My children are not in school.' Her friend told her, 'You come. I will take you to a Universal Primary Education school.' He got another friend to write to Rhythm of Life. Now I have gotten many things from that organization. I got a full scholarship, including books, pens, rulers, and eraser. I was elected Academic Prefect at school, responsible for debate competition between the classes.

I want to reduce the number of girls who are getting AIDS. I want to be a lawyer. What interests me is bringing justice.

each year for Malala's work. Last year, girls raised \$20,000 through pledges that lots of girls got for doing at-home reading. They also sell books and teeshirts. That's two Girls Read for Girls founders, Mairin and Rosa, above with Malala.

Another idea: For your birthday or another holiday, ask people to give to girls' education instead of a present. You can educate adults about education!



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