



Help Us Build a New Girls'

After 17 years and three different rental properties, we are thrilled to announce that we are ready to build our own Girls for Success school in the heart of the rainforest in the Caribe Sur (southern Caribbean) region of Costa Rica. This has been a long-standing dream of ours.

Jean Deeds, Appalachian Trail conqueror and great friend to all of us, donated \$25,000 to Peace through Yoga Foundation a few days before she died in 2020. We knew that her spectacular gift was the opportunity to start funding our dream and to leave a legacy for Jean for decades to come.



[SEE THE PROJECT](#)

This summer we purchased a beautiful lot just outside of Hone Creek, where most of our students live. We then carefully selected a local architectural team. The resulting design (picture above) includes an open-air classroom space, a kitchen large enough for cooking classes, a teacher's office, a storage room, a modern bathroom and a teacher's apartment on the second level. To view a video, click on here: <https://youtu.be/fNTSwtA2keI>

CAN YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$37,900?!! We have already raised \$21,000 of the full cost of \$58,900 through three sources: \$5,000 from one of our girls' sponsors, Ellie and Christopher Clapp (who was the first to hear about this dream 5+ years ago), \$6,000 from Board Member Satya Kollis recent art exhibit fundraiser and \$10,000 donated by Michigan State University. ***Please make a difference in these girls' lives by making any size donation today!***

[DONATE TODAY](#)



OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Girls for Success program is to enrich, educate, and empower girls in the rural area of Hone Creek and the surrounding community in Costa Rica.

[Click here to read more about our Girls for Success Program](#)



OUR VISION

Our vision is to provide a learning environment where each student feels supported, respected and encouraged to reach their fullest intellectual and earning potential. We intend that all students become life-long learners, become economically self-sufficient and develop the poise and confidence to assume leadership positions in their communities.

Help us make a difference by telling your family and friends about our capital campaign



WHAT WE DO

The Girls for Success Center provides daily after-school English classes to girls ages 6 to 12. The three-hour classes are offered by a teacher with advanced command of the English language. The program also offers additional classes in sewing, crochet, art and business skills. Every month, students participate in a life skills workshop or an educational excursion. For high school aged girls, we offer The Bilingual Club, to further their proficiency in English and to inspire them to pursue a university education and a career. New for 2023, we will be adding STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) workshops once monthly for all of our students.

Our annual budget for this year-round program includes teacher salaries, rent, water, utilities, internet, school supplies, sewing supplies and funding for monthly field trips and life skills workshops.

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Why Girls?

In many countries around the world, girls' education is considered less important than boys' education. However, educating girls has been shown to lead to healthier, more productive lives for women, to allow women to earn higher incomes, to reduce societal inequality and to strengthen economies. (<https://www.unicef.org/education/girls-education>)

Girls for Success recognizes the importance of educating girls in Costa Rica. Empowering girls to believe in themselves and to recognize their own talents will allow them to pursue their professional and personal goals and dreams. The skills learned at GFS will help them effectively compete for limited job opportunities.



COSTA RICA: ADVENTURE, SERVICE AND YOGA NOVEMBER 4-11, 2023

Join us on our Costa Rica Rainforest Adventure in November 2023 when we will be officially christening our new school. We have been offering this adventure, service and yoga retreat since 2005. Wake up to the sound of howler monkeys from your bungalow overlooking the Caribbean. After yoga enjoy fun filled days of zip lining through the jungle, horseback riding or exploring an animal rescue center, hiking to a waterfall and through a national park, participating in activities at our Girls for Success center, swimming at two beautiful beaches, river rafting, or just relaxing in a hammock or at the infinity pool.

[CLICK HERE for detailed Costa Rica Itinerary for November 2023](#)

