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Summer is in full swing, and we are thrilled to bring you our July newsletter!

It's packed with exciting updates, inspiring stories, and a glimpse into the remarkable impact your support has made in the lives of underserved and underrepresented girls and young women across the country.

Sad Day for SCOTUS and our Nation

First, we just could not ignore the soul-crushing ruling by the Supreme Court striking down Affirmative Action programs in colleges. Former First Lady Michelle Obama said it so eloquently...“My heart breaks for any young person out there who’s wondering what their future holds — and what kinds of chances will be open to them,” she wrote. Obama, who attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School in the 1980s, said that as one of the few Black students on campus, she sometimes wondered if others thought she had benefited from affirmative action.

“But the fact is this: I belonged. And semester after semester, decade after decade, for more than half a century, countless students like me showed they belonged, too,” she wrote. She added that the diversity of experience she and other students of color brought to her cohort benefited everyone who “heard a perspective they might not have encountered.”

“It wasn’t perfect, but there’s no doubt that it helped offer new ladders of opportunity for those who, throughout our history, have too often been denied a chance to show how fast they can climb,” she wrote.



GIRL UP

I just returned from a trip to Washington, DC to attend the United Nations Foundations’ Girl Up Leadership Summit!

I have served on the Advisory Board of Girl Up for over a decade and this was our first-time meeting in person in 3 years. Even though the pandemic kept us physically apart, the girls have not slowed down when it comes to their fight for gender equality.

In my Fireside Chat, two of our Girl Ambassadors - Ananya and Amina - spoke about the pressing issues facing their generation: climate change, gender-based violence, the attack on body autonomy and how they are fighting every day for change. Everyone was so impressed with their activism, and that is why Girl Up is one of the organizations we support.



New Grantee Alert! We are celebrating Confident S.O.L.E.!

We are proud to announce that the S.H.A.U.N. Foundation for Girls recently awarded a grant to a remarkable nonprofit called Confident S.O.L.E. (Strengthening Our Ladies in Excellence). I love this organization because their mission is to equip middle and high school girls to become more confident individuals. And we all want our girls to be confident, right?

Confident S.O.L.E. provides enrichment classes and summer camp scholarships, focuses on self-esteem building, helps get the girls ready for college, teaches financial management and matches the girls with great mentors.

Thanks to your generous contributions, the S.H.A.U.N. Foundation for Girls was able to provide Confident S.O.L.E. the funding to build a Business Incubator Room. It includes equipment, software and supplies and will be a safe space where the girls can complete school work and create business projects!

By supporting Confident S.O.L.E., we are enabling young girls to cultivate their passions, explore their talents, and embark on a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. Together, we are building a brighter future for these aspiring young entrepreneurs! I hope you read more about Confident S.O.L.E. in our Project Spotlight this month.

Donate and Make a Difference

As we move forward, we invite you to join us in creating a better future for girls and young women everywhere. Your donations to the S.H.A.U.N. Foundation for Girls allow us to provide crucial support to nonprofits like Confident S.O.L.E. and Girl Up and empower the next generation of leaders.

Visit our website at www.shaunfoundationforgirls.org/donate to make your contribution today! Thank you for being a valuable part of our village. We look forward to sharing more success stories with you in the coming months.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shaun".

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