



“It was I who wrote it, not Toni Morrison or Gabriel Garcia Marquez. It was Priscilla.”

—PRISCILLA GUO, 2ND YEAR MENTEE

Hi

It’s a milestone for Girls Write Now: our 15th Anniversary! Organizationally, we’re about the same age as the girls we serve—and like them, we’re claiming our identity, challenging ourselves, and testing boundaries.

Over the past 15 years, Girls Write Now has transformed from a grassroots collaborative to a nationally-recognized, award-winning success story. **Help us continue writing our story by making a gift today.**

Because of your support, we’ve designed cutting-edge analog and digital programs, sent 100% of our seniors to college, and amplified the voices of over 4,500 girls through the help of partners from publishing houses to the White House.

The world has taken note: Our girls have earned 125+ medals from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, our Anthology was distinguished with four literary prizes in 2011 alone, and we won the Youth, I.N.C. Innovator Award as one of the most enterprising New York non-profits.

If you know anything about Girls Write Now, it’s that we always set the bar high—then exceed it. Be an active part of our continued success and recognize our special anniversary: **donate today and help us reach our goal of \$100,000 by December 31.**

Warm Regards,



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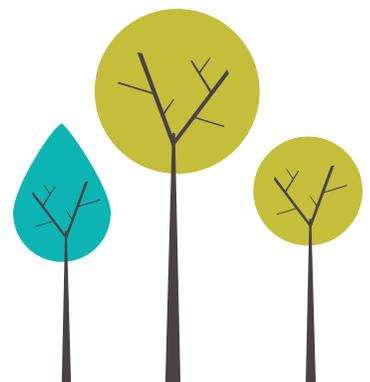
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JOANNE & LATOYA SHARE NEW WORLDS THROUGH WORDS

It's a new world for Joanne and LaToya as they enter their third year together. LaToya is exploring life as a mother, and Joanne is getting ready for college—but they continue to share a passion for writing and imagination. **“New worlds means risk-taking,”** says Joanne, “whether I’m writing with LaToya in a different style or a different genre. When we try new things together, it benefits us both.” Joanne is the first person in her family born in America, but she takes pride in sharing her homeland of China with her mentor. “LaToya’s the first person who not only accepts my writing, but improves it, because she truly cares about where I’m from and how I grow. My parents cannot understand my writing, and



it means a lot to me that an adult takes the time to read my work”.

LaToya, a poet who doubles as Assistant Director of Communications for New York Law School, started writing at an early age, when she created soap operas and short stories for her friends. LaToya’s new life as a mother has also given her insight on her mentoring:

“Motherhood is teaching me what’s worth sweating and what isn’t. **Being a mentor to Joanne is definitely one of the important things,** and it’s great to help her go through the college application process.” Through thick and thin, new challenges and old, Joanne and LaToya keep each other writing, laughing, and exploring.

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