

YEAR 2024 IMPACT REPORT

WHEN WOMEN RISE, COMMUNITIES TRANSFORM.



EMPOWERING CHANGE.
ELEVATING VOICES. DRIVING IMPACT.

We amplify the voices of women and girls in eastern Congo-through education, technology, and opportunity-so they can rise, lead, and transform their communities.

Hero Women Rising exists to improve the conditions in which women and adolescent girls live in South Kivu province, eastern D.R. Congo.

We do this by:

- Using education and technology to amplify their voices
- Teaching them to advocate for their rights and the natural environment
- Building their economic power
- Supporting the growth of local women-led organizations

When women rise, communities follow.

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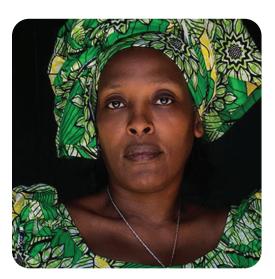
We have turned vision into action.

....Jeanne Namunezero

Letter from Board Chair and Executive Director



Pete Giovale Board Chair



Neema Namadamu Founder/Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on this past year, we're filled with deep gratitude and optimism. Hero Women Rising continues to grow in both strength and impact, and it's a testament to the commitment of our team, our partners, and the communities we serve.

This year, we welcomed new leadership and strengthened our foundation:

- We want to extend heartfelt thanks to Lanetta Allen
 who has made transformative contributions to our
 organizational systems. From implementing
 Salesforce and SharePoint to modernizing our
 accounting infrastructure and bringing in key IT and
 financial support, Lanetta has significantly improved
 our operations both in the U.S. and in the DRC.
- Our board continues to benefit from the dedication and experience of Valerie Bagley and Stany Nzabas.
 Valerie brings strategic clarity and has been a trusted mentor to Neema during her leadership transition. Stany, who was born and raised in eastern DRC and now resides in the U.S., combines lived experience, academic expertise in social work, and nonprofit training - helping us bridge cultural contexts and strengthen our bi-continental collaboration.

We are currently undergoing our first independent financial audit. More than a regulatory requirement, this process is helping us elevate our systems and prepare for deeper engagement with institutional partners.

BOARD MEMBERS



Valerie Bagley, MAPP Board Secretary



Stany Nzabarinda, LMSW

Board Member

At our core, Hero Women Rising exists to amplify the courage and resilience of women and girls in South Kivu. This year, our support deepened in transformative ways, advancing education, environmental sustainability, and economic empowerment.

In a conflict zone, the path is rarely linear. We've learned that to deliver empowerment and education, we must also respond to urgent needs—providing food, shelter, or safety when required. While we don't consider ourselves a relief organization, we've expanded our strategy to incorporate emergency support when needed, recognizing that dignity and empowerment are only possible when basic needs are met.

Together, these initiatives create a multiplier effect: educating girls, empowering women as environmental stewards, and building resilient communities.

Hero Women Rising isn't just responding to needs, we're sowing seeds for generational change.

Looking ahead, our goals remain clear:

- Grow our community of supporters who believe in the power of women and girls to lead change.
- Continue investing in the capacity of our strategic partner, Mama Shujaa, in the DRC.
- Offer our donors meaningful ways to connect

 whether through stories, impact data, or the
 quiet assurance that their contributions
 matter deeply.
- Cultivate long-term partnerships with mission-aligned funders who understand the importance of stability and shared purpose.
- Carefully expand our team, ensuring we can meet the increasing opportunities before us without compromising our grassroots integrity.

We are proud of what we've accomplished - and even more excited about what's to come. In times of crisis, while many organizations must pause or withdraw, Mama Shujaa remains present - thanks to your support.

Trusted. Courageous. Local. Rooted.

Together, we are building something enduring - one relationship, one program, one life changed at a time.

With gratitude and solidarity,

Pete Tiovale
Board Chair

Meema Mamadamu
Founder/Executive Director



The Four Es: Our Programmatic Pillars

At Hero Women Rising, the Four Es serve as the foundation for determining the types of programs and projects we support. Each "E" reflects a core value of our mission - to uplift, equip, and empower women and girls in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo through our grantmaking to grassroots, women-led organizations.

We currently partner with Mama Shujaa, a dynamic local organization advancing these pillars through innovative, community-rooted initiatives.



Emergency Response

In times of crisis, we stand with women and their families to ensure their most basic needs are met.



Economic & Social Development for Women & Girls

We support programs that promote economic independence and social empowerment for women, helping them become active agents of change in their communities.



Education & Training for Women & Girls

We believe education is a powerful tool for transformation. By investing in education and skills training, we unlock new possibilities for women and girls to thrive and lead.



EnvironmentalSustainability

Women are powerful stewards of the environment. We fund initiatives that address environmental challenges while equipping women to lead sustainable change.

Program Highlights from Eastern DRC

In partnership with Mama Shujaa – 2024 Impact at a Glance

In 2024, Hero Women Rising deepened our investment in locally led solutions through our partnership with Mama Shujaa, a grassroots organization rooted in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. From education to clean energy, economic empowerment to environmental restoration, each program funded this year reflects our commitment to uplifting women and girls as agents of change.

What follows is a snapshot of impact - stories of resilience, measurable progress, and community transformation made possible through our shared mission and your continued support. A special thanks to the Mama Shujaa team - especially Jeanne Namunezero (Director of Operations) and Espoir Nkomezi (Executive Assistant) - for their invaluable support in providing key program data and photos for this report. The team's dedication to this work, even in the midst of adversity, continues to inspire all of us at Hero Women Rising.

★ IMPACT IN FOCUS 5,100+ WOMEN & GIRLS **DIRECTLY EMPOWERED IN 2024**

From the classroom to the canopy, from the sewing table to the debate stage - women and girls across the eastern DRC stepped into their power through Mama Shujaa's grassroots programs.



EDUCATION Access. Attendance, Menstrual Health

235 students 1,000 kits



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT Business, Tailoring, Digital Skills

> 118+ women trained



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Tree Planting, Clean Energy

1,200+ women 83 households



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Alliance

150 girls 15 leaders



SECURITY

Girls Opportunity Farming, Nutrition, Income

> 2,400+ households

> > MAMA SHUJAA 2024





Keep Girls in School (CSMS)

Education and dignity for girls in Itombwe

Narrative: The temporary Complexe Scolaire Mama Shujaa enrolled 235 students – nearly half of them girls – and achieved a 100% exam pass rate. Menstrual kits reduced absenteeism and empowered girls to stay in school with confidence.

- 235 students enrolled (113 girls)
 - 1,000 menstrual kits produced (200 distributed)
- Strong parent involvement
- 100% ENAFEP exam pass rate
- Teachers supported with salaries



Improved Cookstoves & Solar Lamps

Bringing safer cooking and clean energy to vulnerable communities. Families in Mikenge and neighboring villages now cook with dignity and safety, thanks to improved cookstoves and solar lamps. This project not only reduced deforestation and smoke inhalation but also created jobs for local technicians - 70% of them women.



83 cookstoves constructed across 3 villages



55 solar lamps distributed; 55 more planned



74% reduction in firewood use



2 422 mature trees saved



20 technicians trained (13 women, 7 men)



As a widow, I used to spend hours gathering firewood for my children. The Rondereza has liberated me: one piece of wood is enough to cook vegetables. My children finally have time to study instead of chasing firewood.

Nyankumi Nyantabuka



Narrative: Women graduated from entrepreneurship training, computer literacy courses, and tailoring programs – with nearly all reporting increased income or new business ventures.

Program	Women Served	Outcomes
Street Business School	50	100% launched businesses
Media Center Training	43	Exceeded target
Kitenge Tailoring	25	75% increased income



Street Business School - 2024 Graduates





GIRLS OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE (GOA)

A future led by girls - trained, heard, and seen

Narrative: Across five schools, discussion clubs empowered girls to explore leadership, gender equality, and reproductive health. Club leaders were elected, stakeholders engaged, and materials distributed to reinforce learning and dialogue.

Metrics:

- 150 girls directly impacted
- 🖴 5 schools, 5 clubs, 15 leaders
- 12 curriculum topics developed
- 1,050+ community members indirectly reached
- 3 inter-village dialogue events



Reforestation in Itombwe

Restoring the land, led by women

Narrative: Mama Shujaa planted over 140,000 trees across 14 nurseries, reclaiming land and combating climate change. Over 1,200 women led this effort, showing that women are key to environmental sustainability.

- 140,000 trees planted 105,000 native trees
- **9** 97 hectares reforested
- 1,539 tons carbon sequestered annualy (est.)
- 1,219 women directly involved



Women live in IDP Camps, many have become widows in this broken world. We plant trees for healing, for medicine, for survival, for community, which is life.





From soil to sustenance - farming for resilience

Narrative: In response to displacement and food scarcity, Mama Shujaa supported women-led cooperatives with seeds, training, and land access to cultivate nutritious crops for thousands of families.

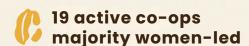
Metrics:



33 market garden sites



2,423 households





7,250 kg beans + 4,210 kg soybeans

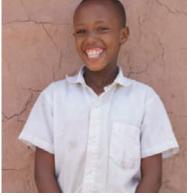


35,600 kg potatoes harvested







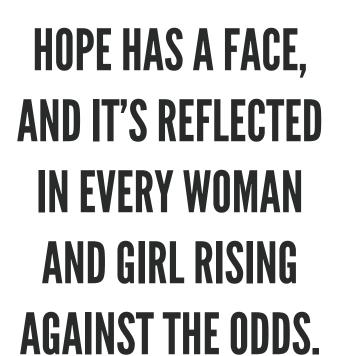




Hope Looks like this.









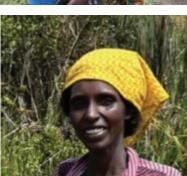












Stovies OF CHANGE

I am Nadiama Ange, a student of ULK (Kigali Independent University), in the second year of undergraduate school in the Faculty of Economics and Business in the Department of Accounting.

I am an orphan and the third child in a family of 4 children. The death of our father preceded by a few years, the death of our very dear mother. She left us when I was 7 years old. Because our orphanage did not support academics, it became the decision of my extended family whether I would be educated. Getting an education was very difficult emotionally and financially because money for school fees was always scarce. Thank the Lord, I achieved my state high school diploma in Social Work. It was a joy to finish my secondary studies but at the same time, I was of an age that I must leave the orphanage and find extended family to take me in. The uncertainty surrounding where I am going to go, what I am going to become filled my head with many questions.

A friend of my older brother was a newly married and she invited me to come live with her and her new husband. So now I had a place to live but no prospects for my future. This scholarship has changed my life and made my dream a reality.



AND CASTUMO IMPACT

Thanks to this academic scholarship, I am on the path of transformation, of realizing my dreams and ambitions. I am emotionally stable. I am permanent in class with peace of mind. I have access to all quizzes and tests without fear of lack of payment of my academic fees, or the panic of not being eligible to take the tests for lack of school fees paid.

This academic scholarship is more than important for me and my family because it has changed my life and all aspects of my being. I feel comfortable and valued. Moreover, I have immense joy in my heart that I never felt before this scholarship, because in all the years of my studies, I never had the chance to participate in the course each time, nor in all the tests of the evaluations for the whole year. So you can understand how I am overwhelmed to benefit from it this year, for it was a miracle that happened to me.

I would like to announce my successful completion of the first academic year, which allowed me to move up to G2. All of this is thanks to your financial and moral support, which I will never forget. I plan to finish my undergraduate degree in Economics, Business & Accounting, and continue with a master's degree in Accounting.



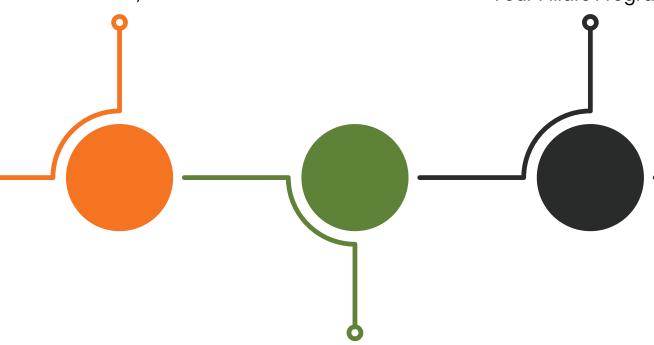
Milestones | Momentum

FEB 2024

The Commons Reunite & Build **Awareness Gathering** Santa Fe, NM

MAY 2024

Project Redwood 2024 2025 Grant Award Four Pillars Program



MAR 2024

International Women's Day Fundraiser Event Hosted by Petite Violette Restaurant Atlanta, GA

Hero Women Rising **Board Secretary Appointment** Valerie Bagley Reno, Nevada

"When women rise, communities flourish."

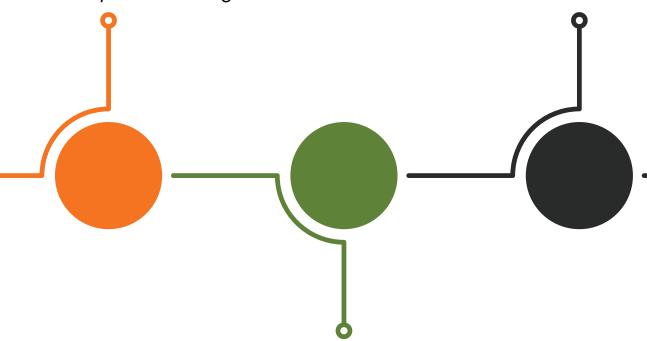
Jeanne Namunezero, Mama Shujaa

JUL 2024

HER Network Magazine names Neema Namadamu "One of 5 Most Inspiring Women in Democratic Republic of Congo"

DEC 2024

Hero Women Rising exceeds \$500K in revenue



OCT 2024

Santa Fe Rising
Hero Women Rising
First ever year end gala in NM
Santa Fe, NM

Volunteers

The Heart Behind the Work

Our events and outreach efforts simply wouldn't be possible without our incredible volunteers. With their time, energy, and passion, they serve as an extension of Hero Women Rising - carrying our mission into every space they enter. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and service.

- Aisha DeBerry
- Barbara Meyer
- Bella Phelps
- Carmen Rodriguez
- Catarina Angerami
- Cire Boya
- Danny & Sandy Pino
- Dr. Jennie Burnet
- Ellen Kemper

- Glori Burrell
- Jason West
- Jessica Neill
- Josie Rodriguez
- Katarina Williamson
- Kim Langbecker
- Lanetta Allen
- Laura Harper
- Major Umutoni

- Nadia Rahali
- Patti Donehoo
- Paul Freedman
- Renee Areng
- Robbie & Dane Jacobs

Thank you!



Why I Volunteer Aisha DeBerry

"I believe that when we stand with women in places like eastern Congo, we are not just supporting individuals, we are investing in futures, in communities, and in generations to come."



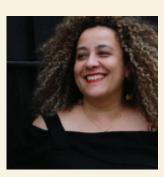








They give their time.
They give their heart.
They are the quiet
force behind every
success.











Fueling the Mission

Beatrice A. Woody, MSCM

Global Director, Communications & Development



When Women Heal, Generations Rise

At Hero Women Rising, we stand at the intersection of advocacy and impact, where the voices and leadership of women are not only amplified, but resourced. In eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, women and girls continue to face unspeakable hardship: armed violence, displacement, poverty and the systemic denial of basic human rights. Yet even under these circumstances, their courage remains unshaken. Our mission is to walk alongside them, not only in solidarity, but with strategy, investment and unwavering commitment to long term transformation.

A Year of Measurable Momentum

This year we made bold strides toward that vision. In 2024, Hero Women Rising experienced a 48% increase in revenue compared to 2023, closing the year over \$514,000. This growth reflects not only increased confidence in our mission, but also a refined and strategic approach to donor engagement, partner development, and mission aligned storytelling.

We are proud to say that restricted programmatic funding increased by nearly 38% and our active donor base grew by over 22%.

Presence, Partnership, and Purpose

That growth wasn't only financial; it was relational and deeply rooted in the community. We rekindled partnerships from our early years and forged new ones that reflect both vision and value alignment.

In Santa Fe, our annual gala was a celebration of impact and culture featuring the electrifying dance of Musi Congo. The generous support of the Southwest community propelled us beyond our event goal of \$50,000.

"These achievements are not just numbers, they are investments in legacy, leadership and lasting change."

In Atlanta, we partnered with Petite Violette Restaurant as our philanthropic event partner for International Women's Month. Their full sponsorship of the evening made it possible for us to raise critical funds while celebrating women's leadership in a space of elegance, generosity, and community.

"We may be small in size, but we are expansive in purpose, earning our place among global changemakers."

Their full sponsorship of the evening made it possible for us to raise critical funds while celebrating women's leadership in a space of elegance, generosity, and community. We were also honored to recognize Aisha I. DeBerry as our 2024 Women's Month Honoree, a leader whose work beautifully reflects the values we champion.

Forging Ahead with Integrity

Though our scale remains modest, our scope is global. Our mission and impact place us in conversations with respected international organizations such as Project Redwood, Obama Foundation, Vital Voices Partnership, and United Nations recognized movements advocating for justice and equity. We do this with integrity, grit, and a deep understanding of what sustainable impact truly requires.

Behind every number and milestone is a story of resilience, a voice that matters, and a future worth investing in.

Behind the scenes is a small, mighty team that leads with a heart, discipline and a vision.

Why It Matters

Your partnership helps us:

- Deliver feminine hygiene kits
- Provide safe spaces for healing and community
- Invest in the leadership and livelihoods of Congolese women
- Tell stories that change the narrative and spark global action

A Word of Thanks

To our donors, partners and friends, you are the reason this mission moves forward. Thank you for believing in us and fueling a legacy that will outlive us all.

We're just getting started.

Beatrice A. Woody

With gratitude,



2024 in Numbers

A Year of Generosity and Growth

In 2024, our fundraising efforts saw remarkable growth - fueled by the unwavering support of donors who believe in the power of women-led change.

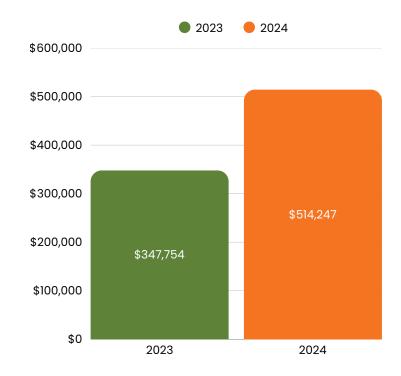
We closed the year with a **gross revenue of \$514,247** representing a **48% increase** from 2023. This growth allowed us to expand our program impact while strengthening our organizational foundation.

Even more encouraging, **restricted funds for programs increased**, from \$223,591 in 2023 to **\$308,648 in 2024**, directly fueling our mission on the ground in eastern DRC.

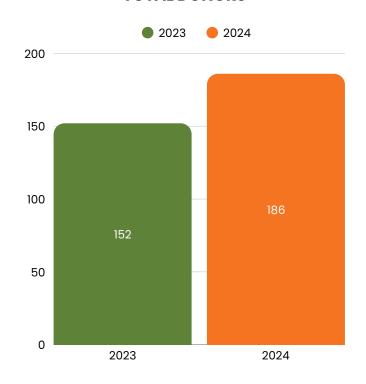
Our **donor community also grew**, increasing from 152 donors in 2023 to **186 in 2024**. Each one represents a vote of confidence in our work and in the women and girls we serve.

This growth isn't just about numbers - it's about lives changed, futures rewritten, and communities transformed. Thank you for being part of this incredible momentum.

TOTAL GROSS REVENUE



TOTAL DONORS



Our Partners in Purpose

Funding Partners Who Make Our Work Possible

We are deeply grateful to the grantors and organizations whose support fuels our mission - from operations to program implementation on the ground in eastern DRC.







Operations

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Operations

Barbara Meyer | Operations

MAJOR Fund | Programs



When Hero Women Rising was still taking root in the DRC, the GeoFamily Foundation saw our vision and leaned in with trust, heart, and generosity. From the very beginning, GeoFamily has believed in the power of women and girls to lead change in their communities. Their steadfast support has helped us respond to urgent emergencies, grow our staff, equip women with education and skills, and create lasting opportunities where few existed before.

What sets GeoFamily apart is their long-term commitment to funding the unseen but essential parts of nonprofit work - staff salaries, operational overhead, and organizational infrastructure. These aren't always the most glamorous areas to fund, but they are the backbone of our ability to deliver lasting impact. Their willingness to invest where others hesitate has made all the difference.

Their giving goes beyond funding. It reflects a shared commitment to environmental stewardship, community resilience, and transformational education - the core of GeoFamily's mission.

The GeoFamily Foundation doesn't just invest in projects. They invest in people, in potential, and in the future we're building together.

We are honored to walk alongside the GeoFamily Foundation. Their belief in our mission continues to open new doors, and their legacy lives on in every woman and girl who rises.

Interested in becoming a Hero Women Rising sponsor or partner?

Please contact Beatrice Woody.

Email: beatrice@herowomenrising.org

Chairman's Circle

Honoring Our Lifetime Giving Partners

The Chairman's Circle is a special recognition of individuals whose extraordinary generosity has helped shape the future of Hero Women Rising.

With lifetime contributions of \$15,000 or more, these donors have gone beyond support - They've become true partners in transformation. Their commitment fuels our ability to invest deeply in grassroots leadership, education, economic empowerment, and environmental sustainability in eastern DRC.

To each of you, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your belief in our mission uplifts not only women and girls, but entire communities.

- Barbara Meyer
- Barbara & Ted Seeley
- Elizabeth Billups
- Gary Blankenship
- Maggie Mermin & Susan Kennedy
- Paul & Natalie Freedman
- Pete & Hilary Giovale





Why I GiveGary Blankenship

"It is evident that you are indeed gifted to be our Lord's ambassador to the people you serve in eastern DRC. Your steadfast commitment has helped make 2024 a defining year, opening doors of opportunity and hope that will endure for generations."

Rise Solidarity Circle

Monthly Givers. Ongoing Impact. Enduring Commitment.

The Rise Solidarity Circle is made up of dedicated individuals who have chosen to stand with Hero Women Rising month after month. As monthly sustainers, their recurring gifts provide steady, reliable support that fuels our mission every single day.

This circle of supporters believes in the power of consistency - in walking alongside women and girls in eastern DRC not just once, but continuously. Their ongoing generosity strengthens grassroots leadership, sustains local solutions, and helps us plan boldly for the future. To each member of the Rise Solidarity Circle: thank you for rising with us, again and again.

- Aisha DeBerry
- Barbara and Ted Seeley
- Barbara Meyer
- Elizabeth Christine
- Elizabeth Davis
- Erica Stanojevic
- Gail Meucci

- Isabelle Ghabash
- Jeanne Cary
- Kim Anderson
- Mary Halton
- Nisha Malla
- Phillippa Moss
- Phoebe L Bailey

- Robert Pesek
- Sarah Lopez
- Sheila Couch
- Tamsin Taylor





Why I Give Sheila Couch

"For over a decade, it has been my joy and honor to stand alongside Hero Women Rising in championing the voices and futures women and girls. Every moment invested affirms my belief that when women are empowered, communities and generations rise."



Every Gift Matters. Every Donor is a Hero.

The Heroes Circle celebrates the individuals and organizations whose generosity helped drive our mission forward in 2024. Whether through a one-time gift or ongoing encouragement, each contribution made a meaningful difference.

Your support fuels our work to uplift women and girls, strengthen grassroots leadership, and create lasting change in eastern DRC.

To every donor listed here: thank you for being part of this journey. You are truly heroes in our story.









Not all heroes wear capes...ours give!

- Aisha DeBerry
- Allegretti Foundation
- Amanda Smith
- Amanda Valeur
- America's Charities
- Amy Monroe
- Ana Hartman
- Andrew Tulchin
- Ann Coco
- Anna C Hansen
- Annelie Soard
- Anthony E Greene
- Anthony Gropp
- Ariana Thomas
- ASIKE Olivia F Owens
- Barbara and Ted Seeley
- Barbara Meyer

- Beatrice Woody
- Becky Cronister
- Beka Rickman
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- Berthine West
- Beth Beloff
- Blaire Holbrook
- Brad Laughlin
- Brenda Beacham
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- Callahan McDonough
- Carla Tatum
- Carol Larsen
- Caroline Barker

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- Cedar Springs Church
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- Chez Neal
- Chris Naylor
- Christine Gonzales
- Cynthia Jurs
- Dane Cooper
- Darron Kusman
- Darryal McCullough
- David Guzman
- David Woody
- Dawn Gillespie Smith
- Debbie Koo
- Deborah Cazan
- Deborah Kerrigan
- Deford Smith



Why I Give

Canyon Crest Academy - Youth Health Coalition Club in San Diego, CA

"We are drawn to the mission of Hero Women Rising because we want to promote education for girls and women worldwide. We recognize the opportunities we've been afforded, as students and as girls, and we also want to do the same for girls around the world. We believe that no one should be deprived of an education based on gender, socioeconomic status, or location in the world."

Thank you!

- Diane Robertson
- Diann Viox
- Drew Niess
- Elizabeth Billups
- Elizabeth Christine
- Ellen Isaacs
- Ellen Kemper
- Emma Nix
- Eric Yerlow
- Erica Elliott
- Erica Stanojevic
- Esha Chiocchio
- Fidelity Charitable
- Gail Meucci
- Gary Blankenship
- Geofamily Foundation
- Gerald Scheinman
- Gerard Creaton
- Go Campaign
- Grace Cheng
- Gregory Ghent
- Grisha Krivcheria
- Holthues Trust
- Hugh Wheir
- Jackie Taylor
- Jacquelyn Mitchell
- Jan McKinney
- Jane Barry

- Jane McCord
- Janice Jefferson
- Jean Altshuler
- Jeanine Van Morris
- Jensine Larsen
- Joshua Paddock
- John Paddock
- Joshua Harper
- Josie Rodriguez
- Joyce Judson
- Judy Herzl
- Karen Werner
- Katarina Williamson
- Kate Lillis
- Katharine Menton
- Kathryn Straub
- Katrin Smithback
- Kevin Woody
- Kim Anderson
- Kimberly Spray
- Kimberly Switzer
- Kinjal Shah
- Krista Brewer
- Kristen Plumberg Bennett
- Kristin Barendsen
- Kristin Nelson
- Kristin Snyder
- Lanetta Allen

- Laura Braswell
- Laura Westen
- Lauren Kezon
- Lenya Reese
- Leonard Pascual
- Liliane Baxter
- Linda Jordan
- Lindsey Stricker
- Lola Moonfrog
- Loretta Hicks
- Madeleine Wright
- Maggie Mermin & Susan
 Kennedy
- Margaret MacDonald
- Mark Noah
- Mary H
- Mary Knight
- Mary Rives
- Mckenzie Ward
- MCN Foundation
- Melvin Moore
- Michael Cortazzo
- Michelle Meloche
- Monica Morgan
- Natalie Blake
- Nisha Shah
- Olivia Owens
- Pamela Saint

Thank you!

- **Patrick Dougherty**
- Patti Donehoo
- Paul & Natalie Freedman Susan Barrett
- **Pete & Hilary Giovale**
- **Phoebe L Bailey**
- **Project Redwood**
- **Rachel Walters**
- Rebecca Weinman
- **Renee Areng**
- **Richard Harley**
- **Richard Murray**
- **Ricky Guzman**
- **Ritch Johnson**
- **Robbie Jacobs**
- **Robert Pesek**
- **Sandy Pino**
- Sante Fe Farmers Market Valorie Sonnemaker
- Sara & Clay Dudley
- **Sara Hartley**
- Sarah Hightower
- Sarah Lopez
- **Seneca Garrett**
- Sharon Gonzalez-Alei
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- Valerie Rücker
- Veronica Etuk
- Vikki Taysavang
- Vivian Aaron
- Wendy Jacobson
- Wendy Smith
- Wide Awake Heart
- Women's Earth and **Climate Action Network** (WECAN) International
- **Zelie Pollon**
- Zhenya Hogan



Investing in The Future

"Here, hope is not a distant dream, it is built step by step by the women and girls we stand beside. This isn't just charity. It's justice. It's a revolution led by those who refuse to be defined by their past and it's a privilege to walk alongside these heroes, rebuilding a world where every woman's potential is unstoppable."

> Espoir Nkomezi Mama Shujaa

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