Jennifer’s Story

My name is Jennifer and I just wanted to thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend Scrubs Camp! Scrubs Camp is both fun and an educational way to learn about my career interests. Also, I come from a big city so it’s always nice to get away and explore a small town that I’ve never visited before. Scrubs Camp taught me that healthcare careers need sympathetic and intelligent people. Learning the skills to be a healthcare professional includes having a caring heart and understanding how to meet the patient needs. I’ve learned that being a flexible person is also a major piece to being excellent in healthcare.

I’m from Minneapolis but I went to Armstrong High School out in Plymouth MN and I’m going to be a freshman at St. Cloud State University this fall. I’m so excited to continue my education. My goal is to be a CAN throughout college, get my bachelor’s degree in nursing. I also want to receive my master’s degree, I’m striving to become a nurse practitioner. I’m going to make sure all my hard work pays off.

The Ann Bancroft Foundation is working to create a world where every girl has a chance to live her dream and reach her full potential, developing confidence and self-esteem in order to grow and engage more actively and successfully in their lives, their communities, and their futures. To do this, we provide grants, mentorship, leadership development and resource networking for Minnesota girls age five through high school graduation and their mentors. A healthy girl who believes in herself, is confident in her talents and abilities, and respects herself and her body will be ready to pursue her dreams and succeed in her adult life. A healthy girl becomes a resilient woman, able to take on the many challenges she confronts throughout life, and ready for opportunities as they present themselves.
INCREASING OUR IMPACT

In 2015 we awarded $134,075.80 in grants to 305 girls across Minnesota – this represents an increase of $28,788.80 (27.3%) in awards to 72 more girls (+30.9%) over 2014; our average grant was $440, and we funded 75.9% of the requests we received. Our goal for 2016 is to award $145,000, which means that for the third year in a row our grant total will exceed $100,000. If our average grant holds stead, we will provide grants to 330 girls in 2016.

2015 TOTAL GRANTING

Each girl in Minnesota is eligible to receive one grant from the Ann Bancroft Foundation, but the grant is just the beginning of our relationship. Going forward our program goals include the launch of partnerships with peer organizations around the state that can offer continued development and resource networking for our grant alumnae and their mentors, furthering the development of confidence and self-esteem, and increasing the potential for success the their lives.
The Ann Bancroft Foundation provides grants twice each year through each of our two programs:

- **Let Me Play (LMP):** Fund sport, athletic & dance equipment or participation fees for girls ages 5 through high school graduation, giving them the opportunity to be part of a team, build strength and confidence, and push themselves farther—on the field and off.

- **Dare to Dream (D2D):** Fund art, cultural, leadership, educational & outdoor/wilderness experiences for girls ages 10 through high school graduation, allowing them to begin exploring the outside world and begin recognizing their own abilities, values and strengths in the process.

In 2014, 57% of our grants were awarded through the Let Me Play Program.

### 2015 DARE TO DREAM FUNDED ACTIVITIES

- Travel (17.8%)
- Arts/Music (19.1%)
- STEM (9.2%)
- Cooking (6.6%)
- Outdoors (7.2%)
- Cultural/Language (11.2%)
- Leadership/Education (19.7%)
- Horsemanship (9.2%)

### 2015 LET ME PLAY FUNDED ACTIVITIES

- Volleyball (7.2%)
- Basketball (11.8%)
- Swimming/Diving (4.6%)
- Other (12.4%)
- Gymnastics (7.2%)
- Cheer (7.8%)
- Dance (49.0%)
ABOUT OUR GRANTEES

Our grantees come from a wide diversity of Ethnic backgrounds which they self-identify on the grant application. Among the “Other, 3.1%” are applicants who indicated they are of Kenyan, African, Middle Eastern/Arab, and Pacific Islander descent.

2015 GRANTEE ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS

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59% of our grantees self-identify as ethnically diverse.

AGE RANGE

Ages 12-14 were the largest group of our applicants in 2015 totaling 38.7% of all grantees.
Girls from more than 150 schools across the state submitted applications, with the largest numbers coming from 13 unique schools.
Congratulations 2015 Grant Recipients!
Thank You
2015 Mentors

Marit Aaseng
Kayona Adams
Nekeita Adams
Shoshana Allen
Caroline Alynak
Melissa Andersen
Ray Anderson
Alexander Arana
Sarah Ash
Josephine Ayueung
Alexa Bailey
Jane Balster
Connie Barson
Lisa Bittman
Bill Boegeman
Susan Brovold
Julie Brown
Johanna Burston
Colleen Canning
Jennifer Carter
Ashley Cooper
Sharon Costello
Megan Cummings
Stacy Dahl
Cassandra Davis
Faith Dietz
Douglas Donaldson
Rita Dombusch
Bemie Elhard
Joan Elton
John Etnier
Holly Faber
Michelle Ferguson
Gina Fincal
Beth Fisher
Chris Fisher
David Fjeldheim
Alissa Fortune
Pavelle French
Kelsey Gantzer
Aurea Gerard
Caillin Gibson
Karen Gibson
Robert Goetske
Sara Golli
Michael Goodwin
Laura Gorke
Kelley Gowling
Craig Johnson
Tierra Greime
Iman Guagga
Nancy Gustafson
Kari Lohse
Niki Lopez
Alicia Lynne
James Maurine
Ryan Maxwell
Lynn McCandall
Shaua McCullar
Maggie Miller
Tami Moberg
Madonna Monette
Christine Moren
Shari Morgan
Cherrie Noyekpa
Stephanie Nelson
Thomas Nelson
Nancy Newcomb
Doug Nordmeyer
Linda Norman
Amy Oman
Tracy Olson
Sheerin Omide
Tom Otto
Kate Pask
Kari Person
Mee Pha
Sous Pha
Brandie Phillips
Amanda Piersak
Barbara Person
Joyce Powdril
Lance Purdy
Julie Quinn
Becky Ramgren
Lyneete Rasmussen
Tammy Reno
Kelly Richey
Tajjuna Robinson
Laura Ross
Nikia Ross
Martha Russell
Gretchen Sage-Martinson
Melanie Savage
Sheryl Schochet
Jessica Schuette
Angelica Scott
Deborah Shaw
Jacy Sheetha
Stephanie Siegel
Melissa Simione
Kara Skahen
Caya Soutbine
Gisely Spano
Melissa Strang
Emily Stegem
Mary Sten
Lynette Stensgard
Anna Sterk
Mary Sue Stevens
Kelly Stigges
Christ Stoll
Michelle Storm
Tyler Strumpf-Levoir
Mackenzie Symatnietz
Rachel Tauer
Suzanne Tave
Dan Terebayza
Linda Tetzlaff
Debbie Thao
Lisa Thao
Monique Tompkins
Marcus Trass
Meghan Twysh
Kate Ulm
Tori Ufere
Julia Vang
Pang Vang
Juliana Vogel
Lisa Vojtech
Matthew Wagner
Jane Ward
Tammy Ware
Karen Waite
Shantee Washington
Alkira Wheatley
Angela Wheatley
Becky Wichoff
Rebecca Willems
Makaka Williams
Stacy Winum
Nicole Winston
Sarah Winter
Erin Wixsten
Hillary Wolcott
Molly Work
Molly Yang
Pachi Yang
My name is Melissa Stangl and I have volunteered for the MN Warriors Elite for four years. The MN Warriors are a small AAU Traveling basketball team from St. Paul. They have players throughout the Twin Cities area but focus on providing opportunities to young ladies from the inner city. Head Coach Patrick Adams started the Warriors after learning that the majority of girls from Minneapolis and St. Paul were unable to play AAU basketball as big name programs do not offer any financial support.

Girls basketball has become very competitive in MN and throughout the United States. It is crucial now that girls play AAU Traveling basketball in order to be recruited for and play in college. All Warrior players are in need of both athletic and academic scholarships in order to attend college as their families do not have the finances to do so. The Warriors are not only top-notch athletes but also scholars, as each player is expected to excel in school. The Warriors’ focus is on the entire child, not just athletic prowess.

I have mentored young girls for over 12 years and after I witnessed firsthand the dedication Patrick Adams has for helping as many girls as possible attend college. Here are some highlights from past grantees of the Ann Bancroft Let Me Play Grant from the spring/summer of 2015.

**DANICA:** Career high 1,000 points, All-Conference Player 1st team, Member of MN All-Star Team, college academic and athletic scholarships from five colleges.

**KYRA:** Led her high school team to 2nd playoff season, named Minneapolis All Conference player, improved academics and is better prepared for entering her junior year.

**LEMIA:** Helped lead high school team to playoff season, offered academic and athletic scholarships from five colleges. Plans on attending and playing in college as a pre-med student in the fall.

**LOLADE:** Helped lead her high school team to a play-off season, received academic and athletic scholarships from three colleges. Will attend University of MN - Twin Cities in the fall.

Without the generosity and support of the Ann Bancroft Foundation, these players and many more would have not been able to see their dream of attending and playing for college. I will continue to support and mentor all MN Warrior Elite ladies as I firmly believe in them and Coach Patrick Adams. They are seen as the underdogs in so many aspects of their lives, but as Warriors they are champions.