

The Ann Bancroft Foundation empowers girls to imagine something bigger and helps them reach their full potential.



DEAR ABF SUPPORTERS.

We are pleased to be able to share with you our achievements and outcomes for 2017. It was especially exciting to celebrate our 20th anniversary, yet equally rewarding to realize a number of wonderful achievements and outcomes, all made possible by you. Your generous support helps us deliver on our mission to empower girls to imagine something bigger and help them reach their full potential – thank you!

Our 20th Anniversary was an opportunity to recognize and honor our DreamMakers - more than 50 girls, women, and organizations celebrated by the Ann Bancroft Foundation from 1997-2011. Renowned photographer Ann Marsden developed a stunning collection of portraits which we exhibited in partnership with IFP Minnesota in January. The exhibit reminded us that our DreamMakers serve as role models for our Dare to Dream and Let Me Play grant alumnae, exemplifying all that we hope for our girls in the years to come.

Two new programs grew over the course of the year to engage alumnae and peer organizations in partnership with the Ann Bancroft Foundation. In March and November, we convened our new Twin Cities Community Partners Collaborative, comprised of youth-focused organizations that want to be part of a like-minded community. As a collaborative with shared goals, these partners refer applicants and their mentors to us, and we refer our alumnae and mentors to them as development and leadership opportunities arise. Collectively, we are positioned to achieve great success and are excited to be working together.

Our newly launched Alumnae Relations program also took shape through the year, offering our past grant recipients opportunities to continue developing through programs and experiences. In 2017, alumnae participated in Empower Leadership Academies, attended a Minnesota Lynx game, raced a boat down the Mississippi River (winning an award in the process!), and participated in ABF Alumnae Night with the Minnesota RollerGirls. It's exciting to provide building blocks for our grant recipients to continue strengthening their confidence, self-esteem, and advocacy skills beyond the initial application and grant-funded experience!

Throughout the year, we also saw the successful continuation and expansion of our core programs and annual celebration. In April, more than 500 guests attended our 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Minneapolis Event Center. The event was our largest in recent history, exceeding all goals and making it possible for us to have our biggest granting year ever -\$170,000 to 355 girls!

The combination of awarding more in grants than budgeted and raising less at year end than projected did result in an overall deficit of approximately \$90,000 as shown in our financials. Yet our financial position remains strong; we are fortunate that ABF has reserves that cover this deficit and as a result ABF is not at great risk financially.

We look forward to 2018 and another amazing year as we continue to increase our granting, expand our alumnae and mentor programming, and extend our outreach across Minnesota. We hope you will continue to be part of our work as we empower girls to live their dreams and help them reach their full potential. Thank you for helping girls across Minnesota to imagine something bigger!

Ann Bancroft //

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THERESA P. D2D'16

Theresa learned about the Ann Bancroft Foundation when Ann visited her elementary school. She was motivated to apply for a grant while deciding to participate in a field study program in high school, knowing that ABF was a place she could find support and encouragement to pursue her dream. Theresa received a Dare to Dream grant in 2016 for a two-week field study through her high school in the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador. Reflecting upon her experience, this is what she shared with us:

"This trip changed my life. I discovered that I can be independent and take care of myself. I can travel to foreign countries and speak Spanish to native speakers. This trip also taught me to be more aware of how special our planet is. Thousands of years ago the fragile process of evolution began to change the organisms on the Galapagos. Evolution is why our world is so diverse and beautiful, and I saw that if we (humans) are not careful, we are going to wreck things beyond repair. I think about this experience almost every day. Not only did I make new friends, but I also saw how perfect the world can work—without human interference."

Theresa is now a high school senior with plans to start college in Fall 2018.

"In part, thanks to this field study, I am planning to major in Environmental Engineering. After traveling to Ecuador, I realized how fragile our relationship with our environment is, and I saw the grave consequences that come when we ignore this balance. I knew that I wanted to do something with the rest of my life that will find practical solutions to how we can preserve the natural world yet still have growth and expansion as a human race. Environmental engineering was on my radar before going on this trip, but now I see that it is a way I can do something good in the world. I think about this field study every day of my life. It truly was a life-changing experience that never could have happened without the support of the Ann Bancroft Foundation."



"This trip changed my life."







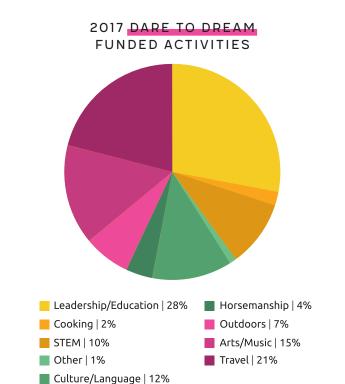


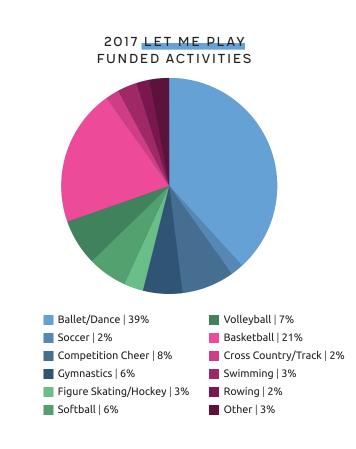
In 2017, we awarded 355 grants totaling \$169,793 – our biggest year ever! In fact, in celebration of our 20th Anniversary, we awarded 13% more than we had budgeted to meet the high need for support among girls across Minnesota.



2017	# Requests Funded	\$ Value Funded
Dare to Dream	157	\$75,410
Let Me Play	198	\$94,383
Total	355	\$169,793

Our grants are as diverse as the dreams of our girls. We are proud to support such a wide range of activities.





PROGRAMS The Ann Bancroft Foundation awards grants

twice each year through our two programs:

GRANT

DARE TO DREAM (D2D) GRANTS

This grant funds art, cultural, leadership, educational, and outdoor/wilderness experiences for girls in grades four through 12. It allows girls to begin to explore the outside world and recognize their own abilities, values, and strengths in the process.

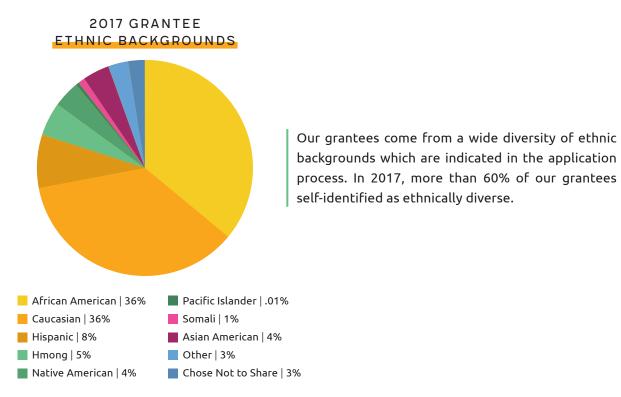
LET ME PLAY (LMP) GRANTS

This grant funds sport, athletic, and dance equipment or participation fees for girls in grades K through 12. It gives girls the opportunity to be part of a team, build strength and confidence, and push themselves farther—on and off the field.

"ABF gave me a chance to accomplish my dream.
Thanks to this program anything is passible."



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Girls from 186 schools across the state submitted applications with the largest numbers coming from 13 unique schools.

SCHOOLS WITH MOST GRANTEES FOR 2017

St. Paul City Primary School · 17
Fridley Senior High · 12

Northwest Passage High School · 10

Fridley Middle · 7

Kennedy Senior High · 7

Washington Tech Secondary Magnet · 7

Pierz-Healy High School · 6

Robbinsdale Middle · 6

Emerson Spanish Immersion · 5

Minnetonka Senior High · 5

Patrick Henry High School · 5

Roseville Area Senior High · 5

Washburn Senior High: 5

■ Kindergarten | 3%
 ■ Grade 5 | 13%
 ■ Grade 10 | 15%
 ■ Grade 1 | 3%
 ■ Grade 6 | 7%
 ■ Grade 11 | 15%

Grade 7 | 7%

Grade 8 | 11%

Grade 9 | 10%

Grade 12 | 6%

Grade 2 | 2%

Grade 3 | 5%
Grade 4 | 5%

2017 GRANTEE

GRADE LEVELS









Y O Kyoko v. DSD'16 S T O R Y

Yoko was awarded a Dare to Dream grant in the spring of 2016 to participate in a three-week summer writing program at Carleton College. While she went into the experience hoping to gain the writing skills she would need to be successful in college, she left with so much more. Yoko shared with us the journal she kept throughout the program, in which she reflected on her activities, feelings, and the things she learned. The following is an excerpt from her journal:

"I will always remember the people I met, the academic skills I need to improve on, and the conversations we had. It has been the absolute best three weeks of my life."

Yoko is now in her first year of studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and plans to graduate with a BA in Journalism and a double-minor in Hmong and Social Justice. She is actively involved in many student groups and organizations, including the Hmong Minnesota Student Association, the Asian-American Student Union, and a Freshman Research and Creative Scholars Program.

"The Ann Bancroft Foundation scholarship allowed me to learn about writing and critical thinking skills at the Carleton Summer Writing Program. This, in the long-term, has set me up to be a better college student. As I am in my first year, I am adjusting to the changes that include multiple papers per semester, complex readings, and more. I have had a smoother transition because I am able to refer back to my writing program experience along with other experiences."



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There are several volunteer opportunities throughout the year to choose from. If you are interested in volunteering with the Ann Bancroft Foundation, please visit our website to learn more, then complete the volunteer application. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you with more details.

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They are so inspiring!

WHY I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ABF: In my years working with ABF, I continue to be amazed at the impact an ABF grant can have. A young girl earns a grant and with the support of her mentor has the opportunity to see her dream become a reality. I would love to see all

WHAT I GET FROM MY EXPERIENCE WITH

Minnesota girls have this kind of opportunity!

ABF: All young girls deserve the chance to dream, to develop their voice and to prepare for a future that holds everything they've hoped for and more. ABF helps make that happen, it's a great organization that I am proud to be a part of.



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ABF INVOLVEMENT: I have been on the ABF Granting Committee since 2015. Also, I had the pleasure of being a mentor a few years back.

WHY I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT

ABF: The foundation allows girls to experience new opportunities while pushing them to dream big. That is something I will *always* support.



HOW I BECAME INVOLVED WITH ABF: My good friend Vanessa introduced me to ABF years ago; her mom, Sharon Olson, is on the board of directors. I was lucky enough to be a part of the granting committee. It has been my great pleasure to read applications and see the tremendous impact that the foundation has had on so many amazing girls here in Minnesota.

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