Introduction
Welcome to Amizade’s 23rd annual report and infographic for the fiscal year 2017. This year, we are honored to be celebrating 23 years of life-changing service and learning.

About 2017
After many hours of work and consultation, in 2017 Amizade finalized and began to implement a new strategic plan and with it, an updated vision and mission to better capture the core of our work and priorities for the future.

Updated in 2017
New Mission and Vision
Amizade inspires empathy, catalyzes social action, and links diverse communities through Fair Trade Learning.

To create a world where diverse communities connect freely, forge lasting relationships, and build a more just planet together.

WHAT WE DO
Amizade collaborates with universities, high schools, community groups, and individuals to design and manage empowering global service-learning and volunteer programs.

Amizade works closely with communities all over the world to develop and manage sustainable and empowering initiatives.

Amizade acts as a catalyst for improvement in international education, developing innovative curriculum and sector changing ideals like Fair Trade Learning.
What difference did Amizade make in the lives of our participants?

- **87%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that they made friends with people with whom they would not have otherwise befriended because of their Amizade experience.
- **85%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their intention to take action (activism, volunteerism, community participation etc.) on improving their home community.
- **91%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience gave them a new appreciation of the challenges, assets, and possibilities associated with the community with whom they engaged.
- **82%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience gave them new insights about themselves as global citizens.
- **88%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their intention to take action (activism, volunteerism, community participation etc.) on improving their home community.
- **90%** of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their feelings of empathy related to the well-being of others.
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> Testimonials

*“Amizade was a huge part of my decision to pursue medicine in a global health setting.”*  
Nicole Silva, medical student who traveled to Brazil

*“Travel matters because of culture. You experience new things.”*  
Anton Heagney, community partner in Northern Ireland

*“We love working with Amizade.”*  
University of Wyoming's SLCE via Instagram

*Trust me when I say it was nothing like an ordinary touristic trip, but rather an adventure into a world you don't see anywhere on social media!“*  
Reina, Fulbright Scholar and storyteller who traveled to Appalachia
Amizade wins award on Day of Giving 2016

The 2016 Day of Giving organized by the Pittsburgh Foundation was a huge success for Amizade. Not only did Amizade raise thousands of dollars for its life-changing work, we also received a special award from the Pittsburgh Foundation for the most creative use of social media on Day of Giving with a stellar campaign powered by our alumni sharing stories from their own Amizade experiences.

Amizade expands consulting wing

Embedded in our strategic plan was the goal to better share our innovative work with the world. As such, Amizade expanded its consulting wing to include workshops and trainings, retreats and summits, and institutional planning. In 2017, we were honored to share our good work all over the country with education partners interested in improving their ethical global engagement practices.

Amizade awarded grant to bridge rural and urban communities

In February 2017, Amizade announced that an exciting idea formed in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election would come to life within the first 100 days of the new presidential administration. Thanks to The Sprout Fund’s 100 Days of US, Amizade was awarded $5,000 to bring to life a program called “Renovating Community Bridges in Western Pennsylvania.” With this program, Amizade aimed to connect urban and rural communities in order to cultivate cross-cultural experiences and establish a dialogue between the participants. The program is coming to an end in 2018 with exciting updates.

2nd year of the Fulbright Program in Appalachia

In April 2017, the U.S. Department of State sponsored a group of Fulbright scholars to participate in a week-long service-learning program led by Amizade in Williamson, WV. The Heart of Appalachia, the second chapter of a storytelling project initiated in 2016, highlighted beautiful, inspiring, and surprising narratives captured by the students while serving and learning with community members, and reflecting on the challenges faced by the coal country.

3rd year of the Youth Ambassadors Program in Peru

In July 2017, a group of high school students, staff, and adult mentors went on a journey with Amizade through the gorgeous landscapes of Peru. The 3rd year of the Youth Ambassadors Program with South America featured workshops with leaders, visits to Inca archaeological sites, and exploration in the wild and wonderful Peruvian rainforest. This program, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, will come to an end in early 2018 after many incredible adventures, but the work of the 112 youth ambassadors and educators across central Appalachia, Bolivia, and Peru will continue long into the future.

One country is making GSL for everyone

In July 2017, another group of youth at-risk from Northern Ireland traveled to the U.S. with Amizade for a week of service and learning activities in places such as Washington D.C., the Mountains of West Virginia, and Pittsburgh. The outcomes of this program reinforced the idea that life-changing global education opportunities should be accessible to all and no longer limited only for the privileged few. Amizade has now hosted over 250 young people from Northern Ireland to the United States in the last 4 years.
Estimated summarized statement of activities, fiscal year September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

**Income**

- **Program Fees**: 76%
- **Grants**: 19%
- **Fundraising Contributions**: 4%
- **Other**: 1%

**Expenses**

- **Program**: 84%
- **Administration**: 16%

**Revenue Trends**

- 1994: $10,000
- 1997: $30,000
- 2002: $150,000
- 2003: $250,000
- 2007: $375,000
- 2009: $700,000
- 2011: $880,000
- 2012: $901,600
- 2013: $890,000
- 2014: $1,380,358
- 2015: $1,472,742
- 2016: $1,413,193.44
- 2017: $1,789,455
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