WELCOME TO AMIZADE’S 24TH ANNUAL REPORT.

This year, we are celebrating 24 years of global service-learning alongside a network distributed in 12 countries and 16 communities. It’s also the official kickoff for the celebration of our 25th anniversary.

ABOUT 2017-2018

We’re thankful for many splendid accomplishments in this fiscal-year. From grant-awards to GSL programming, Amizade was able to continue implementing its strategic plan and help make the world a better place for everyone.
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.
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.
16 community partners
836 volunteers
64 education partners
IMPACT DATA
89% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their feelings of empathy related to the well-being of others.

92% 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.

91% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience gave them new insights about themselves as global citizens.

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.

93% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their intention to engage in activities that will make the world a more equitable place.

90% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience gave them new insights about themselves as global citizens.
In September 2017, Amizade received a devastating update from our partners – Caras Con Causa – in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria hit the island hard and the communities where our partners work, and where past volunteers have visited, were devastated. Communities such as Juana Matos were partially destroyed and many areas were severely flooded resulting in the loss of many homes.

Immediately, Amizade started fundraising to help out our partners, and thanks to the support of our network, we could raise over $7,000 dollars which have been helping Caras with rebuilding efforts on the Island. While in Puerto Rico, Amizade volunteers were also able to contribute directly to their work by serving and learning in areas affected by Hurricane Maria.
In 2018, we announced that Amizade and the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program, would continue as partners committed to cross-cultural communication, learning, and leadership development! That’s the third year that Amizade and Fulbright worked together at the Amizade site in Williamson, West Virginia, and we were very excited to build up a relationship with a new group of Fulbright scholars. This year, the Fulbright-Amizade team worked together to produce six short stories featuring community ambassadors of Williamson. Their testimonials shed light on life in rural areas of the U.S., unveiling a new side of the country to visitors.
Every journey has many bumps, twists, turns, and even failures that we can learn from. In the aftermath of the 2016 US Election, we decided to take action and help bridge a divided nation. With the support of The Sprout Fund, the Community Bridges project was created. Check out the video report.
The first of half of 2018 was also marked by the launch of Amizade’s Global Social Action Accelerator. As part of our mission to inspire empathy, catalyze social action, and link diverse communities through Fair Trade Learning, Amizade wants to invest in our alumni and community partners to catalyze social action around the world. The Amizade Global Social Action Accelerator (GSAA) does not merely provide the funding for these community projects, but is also a comprehensive training, mentorship, and support program, offering professional development, skills-based training, and a network of mentors and colleagues to help amplify the efforts and successes of each community initiative. The GSAA is currently active and its first cohort is ready to start working on their projects.
After nearly 25 years of life-changing global volunteer programs, Amizade is considering a new direction. We’re taking it on the road.
Is that a joke? Yes, it is! We participated in Give Big Pittsburgh, an event organized by the Pittsburgh Magazine and the Pittsburgh Foundation to raise money for local nonprofits through a single donation platform. In 2017, we came up with a fun parody of the television show The Office and the song “We Are the World” by USA Africa to promote our organization in Pittsburgh and around the world. Watch the video!
Our creative and buzzing campaign granted us the Facebook Frenzy Award, a prize determined by the Pittsburgh Magazine and added another $1,500 to our total of donations on that day. Without the support of our network, we couldn’t have won it!
2017-2018 FINANCIALS
Estimated summarized statement of activities, fiscal year September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

INCOME
$1,761,546.99
- Program fees: 80%
- Administration: 16%
- Fundraising Contributions: 8%
- Grants: 12%
- Other: 1%

EXPENSES
$1,641,405.09
- Program fees: 84%
- Administration: 16%

REVENUE TRENDS
$10,000 $30,000 $150,000 $325,000 $375,000 $700,000 $880,000 $901,600 $890,000 $1,380,358 $1,472,742 $1,413,193 $193,44 $1,789,455 $1,761,546
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