Amizade GSL

25th ANNUAL REPORT

INFOGRAPHIC

FY 18-19
Welcome to Amizade’s 25th annual report and infographic for the fiscal year 2019. This year, we are honored to be celebrating 25 years of life-changing service and learning.

**About 2019**

2019 was a big year in numbers and feats for Amizade. As we prepared for our 25th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser, we saw an old partner joining the Fair Trade Learning movement and witnessed Amizade participants and community partners generating significant impact across the board.

**Mission**

Amizade inspires empathy, catalyzes social action, and links diverse communities through Fair Trade Learning.

**Vision**

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.**
27 community partners
1,049 volunteers
99 education partners
95% 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.

93% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their Amizade experience increased their feelings of empathy related to the wellbeing of others.

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.

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

88% 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.

82% 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.
BCA JOINS THE FAIR TRADE LEARNING MOVEMENT

BCA Study Abroad committed to the ideals of Fair Trade Learning and a new future alongside Amizade. Peace and justice have always been at the core of both organization’s missions. Now the impact of this work is expanding: in July 2019 Amizade assumed operations for BCA, and together we’re leading the charge for a brighter future.

Amizade is carrying forward BCA’s legacy by enriching and expanding programming in many of its historic sites, innovating BCA’s program model, and managing an endowment that will offer more low-income and at-risk students the opportunity to better engage with the world.

As part of this new development, two awesome staff members joined the Amizade team from BCA: Rachel Helwig, Director of Partnerships, and Victoria Radford, Program Advisor. We’re thrilled to have them working with us!
We are extremely proud to share that this fiscal year was marked by new, high-impact achievements in our equity projects. Amizade successfully connected dozens of underrepresented youth from Pittsburgh’s Hill District and Propel Schools to global experiences in Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Ghana, and the Navajo Nation. Many thanks to the Hillman Foundation and the Remmel Foundation for making our Hill District programs possible!

A few miles away from the Steel City, we brought together youth from Rhode Island and Northern Ireland through the Rhode Island Global Youth Project, another initiative powered by Amizade and partners. These groups took turns hosting each other to serve and learn in their respective communities.

These young leaders continue to implement lessons learned abroad in their home communities. After a successful year of inspiring programs, Amizade is looking forward to connecting with new partners who share the desire to expand these opportunities to more young people in vulnerable situations.
The fourth year of a collaboration between The Fulbright Program, Amizade, and the Health and Wellness Center made Williamson, WV feel like the capital of the world. For one week in May, the heart of Appalachia hosted Fulbright Foreign Students from 12 countries, a unique achievement in the history of our programs and the city of Williamson.

This incredible group of Fulbright-Amizade participants continued the journey that started four years ago by producing another series of stereotype-breaking stories that includes topics like opioid addiction, healthy living, love, and hope. The scholars sat down in companionship with new local friends in front of the Amizade camera to reflect on lessons learned while immersed in the vibrant Appalachian culture.
On December 4th, 2018, Amizade staff traveled to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to attend the premiere of the documentary *A Call for Peace*.

*A Call for Peace* aims to set new standards in the field of conflict transformation and global affairs. The film features interviews with renowned diplomats and leading negotiators who played critical roles in shaping the peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People’s Army (FARC-EP). Their testimonies highlight the complex challenges involved in bringing antagonists together as well as the possibilities that emerge when the international community collaborates to achieve an end to violent conflict.

Amizade was honored to attend the world premiere of such a phenomenal film and proud to be credited as a partner that works towards peace and reconciliation.
It was a big year for Amizade projects. In addition to the Global Equity Programs, three other projects made big strides this fiscal year.

In January 2019, we officially kickstarted the Global Social Action Accelerator (GSAA) by awarding small grants of $1,000 to each member of the first cohort. The GSAA paired grantees with mentors and helped them build on their new skills, passions, and networks to implement social action projects in their home or partner communities.

In the northwest region of Tanzania, a collaboration between Amizade, All People be Happy Foundation, and our Karagwe-based community partner, MAVUNO, provided solar energy to dozens of primary schools. Thanks to the new solar installations, the schools now have better lighting; they can stay open longer and allow students to take evening classes.

Last but definitely not least, when our community partners in Pine Ridge were affected by severe flooding in March 2019, Amizade was quick to offer support by setting up a flood recovery fund. A call to action led by our Pine Ridge site director, Keller Allen, sparked an immediate response from our network — we were thrilled to see so many people quickly stepping up to provide funds for road clearing and clean drinking water for our friends and partners in the area. We more than doubled our initial fundraising goal in less than a week!
2018-2019 FINANCIALS
Estimated summarized statement of activities, fiscal year
September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

INCOME
$2,300,954.64

- Program fees: 84%
- Grant: 2%
- Endowment Income: 11%
- Fundraising Contributions: 4%
- Administration: 16%
- Programming: 84%

REVENUE TRENDS

EXPENSES
$1,835,992.17

$2,300,954.64

$1,413,193.44

$1,789,455

$1,761,546

$2,300,954.64
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