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To fuel hope
in the heart
of a girl...

EVA GUNTHER
FOUNDATION

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you the first annual report of the Eva Leah Gunther Foundation. Much has happened in the five years since Eva's death and we have, with your help, made great strides toward our goal of creating a legacy for Eva. Our

mission, in the broadest terms, is to offer motivated girls some of the opportunities that Eva had. We do this by supporting programs which encourage girls' self esteem and give them tools to achieve, and through supporting individual girls to achieve a dream of their own, whatever it may be. Before I go any further, I want to acknowledge for special thanks two of our Board members, Susan Andrews and Charlotte Burchard, both long term San Francisco educators, who have given much time and effort in the support of the Foundation. We would not be where we are today without their expertise, engagement and participation.

This past year marked several milestones in the life of the Foundation. First, we have begun to build a permanent endowment in the Foundation with family gifts and a very successful fundraising drive, and to all of you who contributed, thank you! This will guarantee that our work will continue on for as long as there are people interested carrying on Eva's legacy. Second, our total grants given exceeded \$100,000 for the first time, and you can read about this in more detail in the grants report.

Third, our individual grants program took a big step forward with the awarding of seven small grants to individual girls. One of them is featured in this report. While our mission has always included serving individual girls, it became apparent early on that individual grant proposals were infrequent. We learned that giving to individuals is more difficult to administer; in that we need a dedicated sponsor who can both identify the girl and facilitate the implementation of the grant. We were fortunate to find a few spon-



soring organizations this year. Two outstanding young women high school students were able to design their grants toward their unique goals. One recipient toured colleges in the Southeast to assist her college application process, and the other designed a unique program of tutoring, nutrition and physical training toward furthering her career goals. We also were able to give five young women, middle school students living in San Francisco's Tenderloin district, their wishes for summer camp, educational and vacation activities sponsored by their mentors from Francisco Connection's Buddy Program. We are committed to seek referrals for individual grants in the coming year and hope to develop this aspect of the Eva Foundation giving.

Finally, we initiated a new program with two of our long term grantees. Rather than continue to give funds for the same purpose year after year, we challenged the grantee organizations to imagine ways that their work could be extended. In both cases, the organizations wanted to find ways to continue the involvement of individual girls past the sunset time of their current programs. This has led to the creation of continuing programs in the areas of leadership development, internships, and advanced training. We are excited by the process of partnering with organizations which share common values and commitment to girls' development, and we look forward to creating collaborations which further elaborate our mission to create opportunities for girls to excel and achieve in their chosen activities and interests.

Finally, I want to note the opening of the Eva Gunther Building at Presidio Hill School (pictured at left). This building has brought dedicated theatre and art rooms to a school that has been a leader in creative education, and we are happy and humbled that Eva will be remembered there. Also three programs in Israel, sponsored by Eva's grandparents Dick and Lois



Gunther have had a national impact: a Tae Kwon Do program for girls has brought dozens of girls to the sport. Second, a creative arts program for youth called Body Talk, which deals with issues of body image and self esteem, has been so successful that it is being expanded nationwide. Third, an Eva Gunther Scholars program has provided supplemental support to dozens of Ethiopian immigrant high school students throughout Israel.

As we look forward to 2003, we have established three goals. First is to continue to develop the individual grants program. Sometimes a gift of just a few hundred dollars can have a profound influence on a girl's life, and we hope to increase the amount of Foundation resources we can apply to this effort. Our second goal is to continue to help our grantees expand the reach and imagination of their programs by supporting their strategic as well as their operational efforts. Our third goal is to continue to try and find new organizations and agencies whose work we potentially could support. We encourage any readers of this report to refer to us any SF Bay Area organizations whose goals are congruent with ours.

In closing, I want to say that while the pain of Eva's loss is always with us, we are also overcome with a strong sense of gratitude for many things: for the time we did share with her; for the ability to do things to remember her; and encourage the remembrance of her by others, but most importantly for the love of the community that has grown up around us. The Eva Foundation would not exist without the love and support of this broad range of individuals. Thank you all.

Sincerely,





This year the Eva Foundation marked several important milestones in its growth: 1) Grants exceeded \$100,000 for the first time; 2) the individual grants program really got off the ground, with focused promotion and increased awareness on the part of our target agencies; 3) the Foundation helped two of our long term grantees to develop new programs to allow some of their girls to continue with the organizations; and 4) we conducted a very successful public fundraising drive for endowment growth, which helped push the endowment above \$260,000.

Financially, 2002 was a gratifying year for the Eva Foundation. On the revenue side, the longer term commitment of funds from Gunther family and Community Foundation sources cover both the annual grants budget and make annual contributions to the goal of building an endowment of \$2 million. Public support from friends and family played a key role in the growth of the endowment this year; and the continuing development of these relationships will be an important support to the Foundation's future. Total grants given in FY 2001-02 was \$1,188,000, of which \$8,290 went to the individual grant program. Eva Foundation operating expenses were \$8,213.70. Finally, the Foundation has passed the five year mark since its creation and has received its permanent status as a tax exempt public charity.

Of the program grants, most of the funds granted were directed to benefit specific girls, either as scholarships for girls to attend the programs, as stipends to girls who participate in the programs, or as a direct allocation to cover the cost of specific girls' participation. Through this approach, ninety girls, plus the seven individual grantees, received the direct benefit of Eva Foundation grants.

Growth of the individual grant program has been especially encouraging. As a key part of the Foundation's charge is to provide other girls opportunities similar to those Eva had, we're pleased to report that seven girls undertook a wide range of experiences that they never had before. These experiences were eye-opening for the girls, and definitely fulfilled the Foundation's goals for this grant program.

Using Foundation resources to extend and develop programs of our grantees was a new initiative in this fiscal year. The Foundation's very first grantee, Bay Area Girl's Center, offers two summer programs, one for girls aged 12-13, and one for girls aged 14-15. The new leadership development program, funded by the Eva Foundation, allows graduates of these programs to train as interns, with a stipend, on these summer programs. This helps strengthen the institution, letting them develop a deeper resource base by training potential instructors, and helps the interns by giving them a solid work experience and a position of real responsibility for others. This is right in line with the Foundation's evolving mission, which is both to provide opportunities to girls, and to enable organizations to deliver services to individual girls.

For those of us who are involved with the Foundation on a regular basis, it is a great honor to be able to help in some small way to serve the needs of the agencies and the young people who participate in their programs. The public support we received this year is also very gratifying and gives the Board great energy as we move into the future.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended October 31, 2002

Revenues	Unrestricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	176,500.00	83,686.80	196,186.80
Investment Income	716.04	20,463.63	21,179.67
Total Income	177,216.04	104,150.43	281,366.47
Expenses			
Institutional Grants	110,510.00		110,510.00
Individual Grants	8,290.00		8,290.00
Office Expense	3,990.52		3,990.52
Fundraising Expense	1,875.80		1,875.80
Professional Development	2,347.38		2,347.38
Total	127,013.70		127,013.70
Total of Revenue over Expense	50,202.34	104,150.43	154,352.77
Transferred to Endowment Fund	(33,913.20)	(104,150.43)	(138,063.63)

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	24,270.50
Investments	247,273.50
Pledges Receivable	17,600.00
TOTAL ASSETS	289,144.00

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilities	0.00
Grants Payable	5,000.00
Endowment Fund	264,873.50
Unrestricted Fund	19,270.50
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	289,144.00

GRANT REPORT

Grants Given, FY 2001-2002

Bay Area Girl's Center	Leadership Development Program
Diversity Works	Summer Institute
Francisco Connection	Buddy Program
Girl's Inc. of Alameda County	Eureka Program
GirlSource	Technology and Leadership Program
Julia Morgan School For Girls	Technology Program & Summer of Discovery
SF Arts In Education	ArtSummer Scholarship Grants
SMART, Inc.	Extra-curricular activities
St. John's Educational Threshold Center	Talking Circles
Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center	Ladies First After School Program: 2001
Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center	Summer Youth Leadership Program: 2002
Trips For Kids	Support to increase program participation by girls
Individual Grants Program	7 grants

THE EVA FOUNDATION AT WORK

The Foundation asks for letters from all the girls who receive foundation funds in both the Individual and Institutional grant programs.

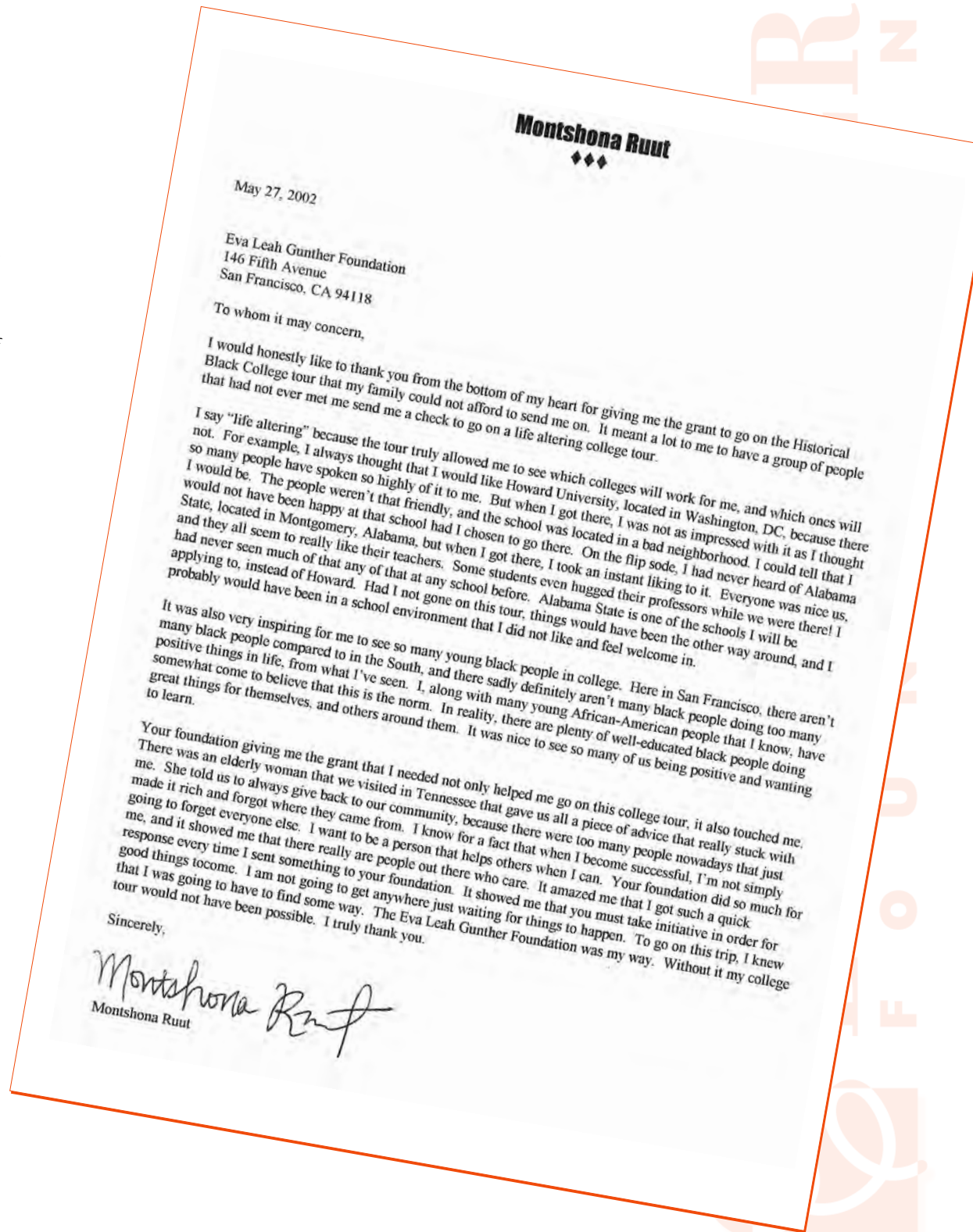
The letter shown here is from one of the Eva Foundation's individual grantees. As you can see from reading it, the ability of this young woman to take this trip created the context for a life changing decision. This is exactly the goal of the Eva Foundation individual grant program, and shows how a relatively small amount of money can have a big impact when applied at the right time.



Young Scholars Program
Students at 16th Street
Baptist Church in Alabama.



Montshona Ruut
in front of the
White House.



Montshona Ruut
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May 27, 2002

Eva Leah Gunther Foundation
146 Fifth Avenue
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To whom it may concern,

I would honestly like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the grant to go on the Historical Black College tour that my family could not afford to send me on. It meant a lot to me to have a group of people that had not ever met me send me a check to go on a life altering college tour.

I say "life altering" because the tour truly allowed me to see which colleges will work for me, and which ones will not. For example, I always thought that I would like Howard University, located in Washington, DC, because there so many people have spoken so highly of it to me. But when I got there, I was not as impressed with it as I thought I would be. The people weren't that friendly, and the school was located in a bad neighborhood. I could tell that I would not have been happy at that school had I chosen to go there. On the flip side, I had never heard of Alabama State, located in Montgomery, Alabama, but when I got there, I took an instant liking to it. Everyone was nice us, and they all seem to really like their teachers. Some students even hugged their professors while we were there! I had never seen much of that any of that at any school before. Alabama State is one of the schools I will be applying to, instead of Howard. Had I not gone on this tour, things would have been the other way around, and I probably would have been in a school environment that I did not like and feel welcome in.

It was also very inspiring for me to see so many young black people in college. Here in San Francisco, there aren't many black people compared to in the South, and there sadly definitely aren't many black people doing too many positive things in life, from what I've seen. I, along with many young African-American people that I know, have somewhat come to believe that this is the norm. In reality, there are plenty of well-educated black people doing great things for themselves, and others around them. It was nice to see so many of us being positive and wanting to learn.

Your foundation giving me the grant that I needed not only helped me go on this college tour, it also touched me. There was an elderly woman that we visited in Tennessee that gave us all a piece of advice that really stuck with me. She told us to always give back to our community, because there were too many people nowadays that just made it rich and forgot where they came from. I know for a fact that when I become successful, I'm not simply going to forget everyone else. I want to be a person that helps others when I can. Your foundation did so much for me, and it showed me that there really are people out there who care. It amazed me that I got such a quick response every time I sent something to your foundation. It showed me that you must take initiative in order for good things to come. I am not going to get anywhere just waiting for things to happen. To go on this trip, I knew that I was going to have to find some way. The Eva Leah Gunther Foundation was my way. Without it my college tour would not have been possible. I truly thank you.

Sincerely,

Montshona Ruut
Montshona Ruut

The first two excerpts are from letters of recipients of individual grants. The Foundation provided support to the Summer Youth Leadership Program at the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center (Tel-Hi) in San Francisco. The last two letters are from two of the youth interns.

(This letter is from a girl who lives in a dangerous part of San Francisco and who, for safety, has spent most of her summers inside her apartment, all day, every day.)

"I appreciate the money for my first time at Camp. Camp was great. It was the most fun all summer. I slept under the stars. I saw lots of animals like deer, snakes, salamanders and oh Yeah! Blue Jays! In the morning they were so loud. It was more than fun. It was great!"

Kaja, age 13

"I just want to say thank you for sponsoring me for the summer basketball camps I attended. . . I flew down to Los Angeles with my mentor. This was my first time on a plane. The LA Sparks day clinic included an academic workshop and basketball skills with coach Michael Cooper and Sparks players, including Lisa Leslie. . . I will practice what I learned at each camp and use these skills when I play basketball this year. . . (I want) to continue to improve my basketball skills and become better at the game. Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity!!"

Christina, age 13

"I have attended Tel-Hi since I was 8 years old. Tel-Hi is important to me because it is a safe place where I can be myself. During the summer I was able to work at Tel Hi as a youth leader. . . I was able to learn more about working with kids and what I need to do to have a successful job. Sometimes it was really hard for me because it was so tiring. . . One thing I looked forward to was being at Tel-Hi. It is important to me that I can give back the help and safety I felt when I was there as a kid. Thank you for providing Tel-Hi with the money to help this program."

Georgia, age 14

"It was an awesome summer! I learned a lot about being patient with the younger kids. . . It was really hard at times because they need so much from us. I also learned to work with different kinds of people that I did not always see eye to eye with. . . we went to camp as youth leaders and it was da bomb! I loved going as a kid and really enjoy helping the staff out as a leader. I realized how much work it is and how hard it is to plan for everything. I appreciate all the hard work that the staff put in when I was a kid. I am glad that I had a chance to work at Tel-Hi or else I would have just stayed home and watched TV. Thank you very much for caring for Tel-Hi."

Jessy, age 14



Illustration by Jeddie Kawahatsu, age 13, student in San Francisco Arts in Education Project summer drawing workshop.

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