The Joelle Wyser-Pratte Scholarship - $500

With the ever-increasing costs of college, underprivileged students—especially girls—are being forced to forego upper education studies. The Joelle Wyser-Pratte Scholarship, available to students at Boise State University, seeks to correct this sad fact by helping girls with skills to finance a college education—even if their families can’t afford to pay for school.

A philanthropist active in non-profit organizations and charitable enterprises all over the world, Joelle knows that smart girls don’t always get a chance to pursue their passions. Her scholarship is designed to help these girls develop the skills they have that might otherwise go overlooked and undeveloped. As a multi-talented individual with interests in finance, sports, art, and design, Wyser-Pratte understands that higher education not only gives young girls the opportunity to develop their existing skills, but also to discover new interests that can illuminate life paths, improve lives, and better the self.

One of the charities that Wyser-Pratte works with extensively is Educate Girls Globally. This charity wants to “reform government schools” for the education of female students. In many countries around the globe, girls are either discouraged from going to school or outright forbidden from doing so. Educate Girls Globally seeks to combat this gender disparity and foster the empowerment of women and girls.

This change, of course, will not happen overnight. There are many parts of the world where it is not safe for girls to learn. In other parts of the world, curriculum is not “girl-friendly,” and female students are mistreated or not given the time and attention they deserve by educators. Educate Girls Globally is a charity with the mission of figuring out how to change these tragic disparities, and the Joelle Wyser-Pratte scholarship is partially geared at furthering that mission here in the United States.

Joelle also serves on the advisory board of the Mariposa Foundation in the Dominican Republic. Several rooms at this center for the empowerment of young women and girls in Cabarate was funded through the Ounavarra Foundation. Joelle and her family often visit the center.

Joelle’s charitable efforts are not just aimed at helping girls, but underprivileged children in general. In addition to Educate Girls Globally, she does charitable work through numerous other non-profit organizations. She co-founded one of them: the Ounavarra Foundation, which supports many causes around the world, all aimed at improving educational models for unprivileged students. Another, Ubuntu Africa, is a healthcare program aimed at helping African children who are HIV positive. Joelle started a triathlon team with her husband Paul that has raised for over 100,000 for Ubuntu children.

Joelle is an advisory board member of the Global Partnerships Forum, an organization that seeks to strengthen collaborative efforts for providing relief in struggling parts of the world. The overall goal is to build a worldwide network of philanthropists that can work together to have an impact on different parts of the world. Each member has different causes that they support and champion personally, but because of the collaborative nature of the organization more is achieved.
As mentioned previously, Joelle Wyser Pratte’s overarching goal is to promote education for underprivileged girls around the world. This Boise State scholarship has been established with that goal in mind.

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