



Year 2020 in Review

01/13/2021

Let me begin with a sincere word of thanks! The year 2020 was certainly filled with various ups and downs; we all experienced good, bad, and ugly events. Throughout it all, each of you opened your hearts, minds, and wallets by choosing to improve the lives of children and lending your name to founding a non-profit organization dedicated to helping communities in need.



COVID-19 has devastated economies, disrupted social norms, sickened millions and taken lives, as the founder of She Rises Int'l, Inc., I truly sympathize with everyone who has lost a spouse, child, parent, family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague to the virus. I am certain that I speak for the entire organization, our supporters and partners by hoping better times in 2021. This organization is extremely grateful to all our first responders, at-risk workers, and frontline workers for the dedication and support they continue to afford their communities.



This year was also a time when we all reflected on social justice issues. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, to name a few, served to remind us that many African American communities and other communities of color are impacted by biased policies and laws that have devastating consequences. Each of us have a role to play by lifting our voices, becoming educated about our rights and standing as advocates when we witness injustice. Let us be encouraged, hopeful, and optimistic for a brighter future.



Finally, I want to share with all of our members, sponsors, friends, affiliates, partners, and collaborators our progress to date. As you know, She Rises Int'l, Inc. was established in May 2020 for gender justice and equity in the USA and throughout the developing world. Last year, the organization began the process of obtaining our charitable designation which is currently in review with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

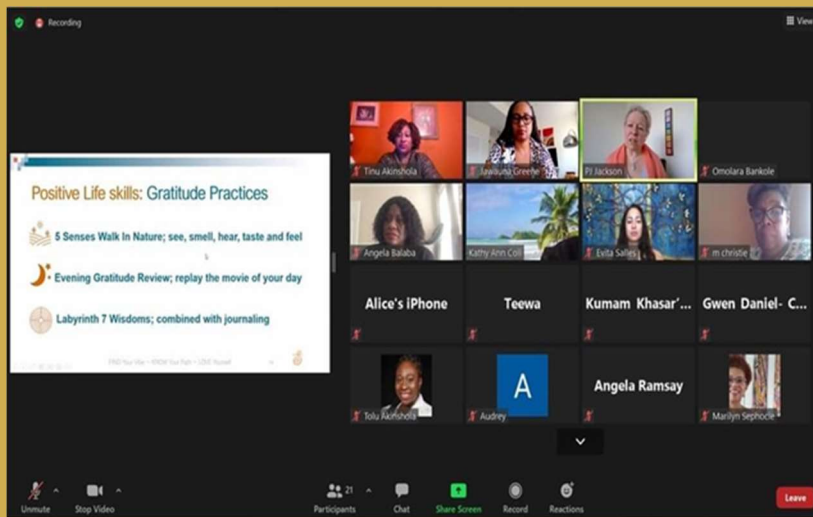
- I am proud to share that in 2020, She Rises Int'l, Inc., successfully hosted 4 events which yielded favorable feedback. In commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, She Rises Int'l, Inc., held free two-part sessions of a Women's "Self-love" Seminar in Oct 2020. PJ Jackson, an author, influencer, and motivator led the sessions. The self-care series focused on self-reflection. The goal was to help participants discover their true center and to learn how honoring that center will bring positive change to all areas of their lives. More than 50 people attended each session.

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- She Rises Int'l, Inc. also participated in the observance of the “International Day of the Girl Child,” Oct 11, 2020, through our charitable navigator The Children’s Guild, we hosted a fundraiser for underserved girls and students enrolled in local Washington, DC Area Charter Schools through Children’s Guild Alliance. Your financial support of our organization’s efforts contributed more than \$1500 towards the purchase of backpacks and book supplies for the students. I want to extend a sincere thank you on behalf of the board and Mr. Brian Daniels, Principal of the school. In addition to the above fundraiser, the executive board of SR11 raised \$500 to purchase of feminine products, lip balm, etc. for the school. These items are included in the backpacks of the female students. Thank you to the executive board members of SR11.



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- As President of She RISES Int'l Inc., I participated as a panelist and presenter at Prince George's County's (MD) "Not One Campaign" hosted by the county's State Attorney's Office, under the leadership of Aisha Braveboy, the Attorney General. The event was held in October to further Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The importance of having our organization participate at this high-profile event, underscored our collective commitment to helping women in crisis.



As this organization begins to usher in 2021, I look forward to our projected programs (i.e. Ugandan Girls Education Scholarship; Lagos Girl Child Ocean Ambassadors Initiative; Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign; Afijio Vocational Center and Smart Library; Women's Health/Empowerment programs throughout underserved communities), etc. I appeal for your continued financial support to help our projections succeed. I want to hear from you. Contact the organization to let us know which of the programs you are willing to sponsor, support or assist with fundraising. She Rises Int'l, Inc. relies on each of you to continue the work of helping underserved communities of forgotten women and girls of the world to RISE.

Check our website: www.sherisesintlinc.com. Alternatively, write to us through the mail: P.O. Box 52, Burtonsville, MD 20866 or email info@sherisesintlinc.com. Call us at 301-288-1268. Find us on Facebook (She RISES Int'l Inc.), and Instagram (Sherisesintl).

Sincerely,

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