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Connecting women with, through, and for IU.



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WHY WE GIVE:



Amy Carroll Balcus,
Women's Philanthropy Leadership
Council member

"Why do I give? During my time at IU I participated in several student volunteer organizations, and learned my giving could make a difference in people's lives. Since then, and depending on the phase of life I've been in, giving has taken on many different forms for me. Through the years, I've been incredibly blessed to give my time, talents and money for causes in which I believe strongly. The common thread through all the different ways I give is my desire to have a lasting impact on individuals and organizations that can then multiply my gifts—creating a lasting ripple effect and making a difference in people's lives along the way."

HOW WE GIVE:



IU student Lillie Hartman reads the "The World Is Our Home," to Harmony School students as part of Books and Beyond. Photo by IU Communications.

IU's Books and Beyond program expanding to provide more opportunities to children in Rwanda

To date, IU students have delivered 16,000 books and have expanded the Books and Beyond program, a 2013 recipient of **Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council grant funds**. Students now conduct development training for teachers at the Kabwende Primary School and have created a three-week holiday camp for all students at the school that focuses on English literary skills, reading, writing and English conversation skills.

“We teach a lot about social action in the classroom,” said Lana Beck-Cruce, the third and fourth grade teacher at Bloomington’s Harmony School. “This program helps them learn about the world and their place in it. My students are so excited when they receive the finished books. They immediately start flipping through the pages, reading the stories the other children wrote and looking for their own stories. This process has really inspired them to think of ways they can give back.”

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IN THE NEWS

International Women’s Day Conference at IU Bloomington aims to empower women locally, globally

“Through research, business, arts, sciences, health, government and philanthropy, the women of IU are literally changing the world. The International Women’s Day Conference creates a space for IU women to come together, create powerful networks and take action in service of a better world.”

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Jagathon raises record \$351,000 for Riley Hospital for Children

Breaking another record, 2017 was the first year that more than 1,000 students registered to participate in Jagathon. Another 300 observers were on hand, including Riley Hospital patients and families, IUPUI administrators, and representatives from Riley Children’s Foundation.

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Women’s Little 500 race celebrates 30th running in April

Follow the countdown to the event, purchase tickets, and discover the history behind the iconic Little 500 at IU Bloomington!

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