



# A child should not be a mother.

<p>In Sénégal, a woman can be a great great great grandmother at age 60.</p>		
	<p><b>Do the math.</b></p>	
	<p>Five generations of girls, having children at age 12.</p>	
	<p>Five generations trapped in poverty.</p>	
	<p>Five generations of illiterate women.</p>	
<p>Did we exaggerate? Well, only slightly...it is rare to have five generations of 12-year-old mothers. However, it is NOT rare to find mothers 12 years old or in their early teens.</p>		
<p>The majority of women in Sénégal are illiterate or not functionally literate. They are poor, powerless to change.</p>		<p><i>Celebrating mother's day as a 12-year-old mother</i></p>

# We were proud of our perfect record.

<p>We have reached 62 girls from the poorest families. We're keeping <b>all</b> of them in school, we bragged.</p>	<p>Then <b>THIS</b> year, we lost one. She was married off to a cousin and sent to live in a remote village. The details of her story would make you cringe. She is 12 years old.</p>	<p>But, we're not here to tell you that sensational story.</p> <p>We're here to stop the cycle, to provide scholarships to keep the poorest girls in school, to visit them every year, to meet their families and teachers.</p>
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# We're here to ask you to help.



**Give a gift to help  
keep these girls in  
school - in honor  
of your mother.  
Or your father.  
Or your friend.  
Or because you  
feel like it.**

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gave the gift in their honor.

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