



# ABOUT ATOMIC® GRANTS

Atomic Data was seeking a sponsorship that not only helped to empower women but also created a tangible impact in the community. We created the idea for Atomic® Grants – a program that eliminated the financial barrier to women who are curious about pursuing their passions.

Lucky for us, when our friends at Keystone Group International heard of our plans, they volunteered their coaching expertise. Atomic® Grants then expanded to offer cash and coaching to women.

So far, we've seen over 8,000 applicants from more than 50 countries and have received thousands of votes for the recipients.



# ABOUT THE RECIPIENTS



# ERIKA POESCH AND RESA SCHIER



A two-woman team that has started a podcast series about Colombia and adoption after they discovered they were adopted from the same orphanage in Bogota. Their hope is to ultimately grow their offering beyond the podcast to family services and travel assistance.

# CATYRA POLLAND



CaTrya is the CEO of the editing boutique, Love for Words. With the grant, CaTrya launched the Literacy Love Scholarship and has given over \$3,000 to students in New York. She also has been able to donate dozens of books to local organizations and schools.

CaTrya is currently working to obtain the ACES Poynter Editing Certificate and also working on her second poetry book.

# BRANDIE ITMAN



Brandie is growing a thriving baking business from her home, Bella Nava Creations. Brandie discovered a real passion for not only baking but bringing people together through food and celebration. When adversity hit her family, she realized how much she cared about it, and what it took to build.

# GENEVIEVE CORNISH



Genevieve and partner Gena Patrella have started a new community, Caregivers Connect – which supports families and working professionals who are caring for a child or adult with unique medical, intellectual, physical, emotional or behavioral challenges.

# VICKY HARRISON



Vicky intends to invest her Atomic® Grant towards a specialized exercise certification to begin her passion — helping others obtain the health benefits of healthy weight loss. With this certification she intends to deliver specialized fitness instruction to help those struggling with obesity or those in cancer rehabilitation.





# SUE STEEN AND LYNN ZDECHLIK



Sue and Lynn are the co-founders of Birth With Dignity, an incredible organization that is working with midwives in Uganda to decrease neonatal and maternal deaths. They are nursing professors, maternal/child health nurses and nurse-midwives and have huge passion for helping this community

# OLIVA NALWADDA



Oliva is the founder of humanitarian organization Uzima Ari Uganda. The grant enabled her to extend her "Dance For Mental Health Initiative" to refugee settings within Uganda. She reached over 150 children with mental health information and delivered 30 dance sessions that incorporated problem solving therapy sessions.

# SHARMILA RAO THAKKAR



Sharmila is a consultant at SRT Advising & Consulting, who strives to make the most impact on the people and communities she gets to work with.

Due to the grant, she has participated in several training programs, achieved her CAP designation, and is launching a giving circle called the Community Philanthropists Fund to build on the time, talent, treasure, ties and testimony of everyday philanthropists.



# QIANA HICKS



Qiana is highly purpose-driven in her goal to help break generational cycles of poverty. She is on a mission to increase high school graduation rates and post-secondary education attainment among youth in disparate communities. This grant will help her grow her training business, Pathway Forward.

# TETIANA PYLYPCHUK



Tetiana created an educational platform for women that focuses on mental health and personal development, with a mission to inspire and empower Ukrainian women to build the lives they want. She used the grant to design and produce a set of cups for the community as a small sign of support.

# OLKA FORSTER



Olka is a first-generation beekeeper, passionate about turning to nature as a solution to climate change. As a Black beekeeper, she strives to create representation in this field and teach other marginalized communities about bees and the solutions they can bring.

# SHELBY KRETZ



Shelby created Little Justice Leaders, a monthly subscription for teachers to integrate into their curriculum to help children develop their own opinions about social justice issues.

Many teachers and parents find it difficult to speak to their students and children about these issues, and without a safe setting, children may develop their opinions from news and social media.

# WANDA MARTIN



After losing her niece to gun violence, Wanda decided to design a Goal Setting Action Guide and curriculum, "Have Goals Not Guns", to encourage and educate youth to utilize goal setting to create a healthy career path. Wanda will use the grant award to fund the initial phase of her "Goals not Guns" youth program.