

TV: Is your family supportive of your activism?

Aline: My family comes from Burundi, Africa and while they are supportive, they don't get why I do what I do. I do it because I want to let girls know that they can succeed.

TV: Why do you think it is important for teens to get involved in activism?

Aline: I believe that we are all placed on this earth to do good; teens should be involved in activism because we are the future and we can help shape how that future is going to look.

TV: Do you think teens are well-informed when it comes to the changes they can make in their communities?

Aline: I don't think so because until Girls For A Change I didn't know that I could make change. GFC helps teens realize that they can be change agents. They don't teach change in school.

TV: What is the most important thing you would like teens to know about the difference they can make?

Aline: I want to let teens know that if they see something in their communities they don't like, they should do something about it. Like Maya Angelou says, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." Teens can truly make change if they set their minds to it. And girls can check out GFC's website for ways they can get involved in starting GFC where they live!

TV: Do you plan to continue in this field after you graduate? What's the next step for you?

Aline: I do plan to stay with Girls For A Change when I graduate, and I do plan to continue helping people, especially new refugees, in my community.

TV: Tell us a little bit about yourself: Where are you from? How many siblings do you have? What do you do for fun?

Aline: I'm from Bujumbura, Burundi, in Africa. I came to the USA in 1999 and I have nine siblings. For fun, I like to work with new refugees in their transition to living in the Phoenix area.

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