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GLOBAL TIES ABQ EXPANDS EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGH MERGER WITH GLOBAL ONE TO ONE

ALBUQUERQUE - Global Ties ABQ and Global One to One jointly announced a merger agreement making the 15-year international education and exchange organization serving hundreds of students and young leaders every year, a permanent program of Global Ties ABQ. Together, they expect to bring over 500 hundred emerging and world leaders to Albuquerque annually.

“Under the leadership of the Global One to One board and staff, and with the support of their community of volunteers, educators, and supporters, Global One to One has grown into a unique and exciting model for engaging young people and encouraging global citizenship,” said Global Ties ABQ Executive Director Yuriria Morales. “We are thrilled to welcome the Global One to One community to Global Ties ABQ and to build on 15 years of success by reaching even more students and young leaders in Albuquerque, throughout the country, and around the world.”

- Since its founding in 2006, Global One to One has provided more than 18,000 students and young leaders in 31 countries with programs to build global competency skills through intercultural exchange.
- From 2010-2012 Global One to One implemented a project in Helmand Province, Afghanistan supported by the U.S. Department of State Embassy in Kabul, working with partners on the ground there to establish a school and an exchange project between students and peers in New Mexico
- As part of its youth leadership program, Global One to One hosted a Youth Summit in 2017 connecting refugee and newcomer students with local students in Albuquerque to promote peer-to-peer support and mentorship
- With the support of the U.S. Department of State Embassy in Algiers, Global One to One is currently implementing a virtual exchange program called *Youthink*, connecting over 100 students in southern Algeria with their peers in Albuquerque
- With partners World Learning and the Congressional Office for International Visitors, Global One to One has hosted young and emerging leaders from Argentina, Chile, India, Iraq, Mexico, Serbia, Tajikistan and Ukraine in Albuquerque

“Global Ties ABQ’s leadership and infrastructure offers the best opportunity to ensure the continued growth of the Global One to One,” said Sarah Wilkinson, Global One to One Founder. “We are excited to join forces with Global Ties ABQ to expand and deepen the impact of international and intercultural connections. Global One to One program staff will continue to offer the same high quality cultural exchange programming to students and young leaders across the world as we have over the last 15 years.”

Following the merger agreement, Global One to One Founder Sarah Wilkinson has accepted a position as Grants and Contracts Administrator with Global Ties ABQ and will be working directly with established and new funders and community partners. Global One to One Program Director, Denise Bucci, will continue to manage all young exchange programming. In addition, former Global One to One board members have formed a Youth Programs Advisory Committee that will liaise with the Global Ties ABQ board of directors.

The merger agreement was approved unanimously by both Boards of Directors last Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

A [press conference](#) will be held on 15 April at 10.30 a.m. at Q Station
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