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INTERVIEWER SAYS:

“The Oprah Network started with a simple idea: We all have the power to make a difference in the world and so many of you are doing just that.”

“Meet 15 year old Shannon. She’s a giver.”

SHANNON MCNAMARA SAYS:

“I started SHARE, Shannon’s After-school Reading Exchange. It’s a program designed to empower African girls through education, to improve life for themselves, their families, and their whole communities.”

“I sent around flyers to all my neighbors and to my family and friends, asking them to donate books and school supplies to give to different schools and libraries. There are about 60 kids in a classroom, and there is 5 kids seated at a desk that can only seat 2.”

Even when you pull out a pencil and you give a girl, what they’ll do is they will break it into two or three pieces so that they can give it to their friends so that way everyone can have one, because pencils are so rare. And that’s the lack of opportunity that SHARE is trying to address.”

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