7.  What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

My jaw dropped as I processed his words. The girls in my class had erupted in indignation at his declaration that men gave women rights and were superior. Numerous accusatory looks were cast at him, and the rest is history.

In Indonesia, the issue of a lack of women as leaders who voice out their opinions still persists. Society seemed to cling on to the idea that women should comply with traditional norms, so you rarely found women in leadership positions.

I was constantly surrounded with this stereotypical idea. When I was eight, some of my relatives had questioned why I wanted to pursue such a high education and career as a woman. I wanted to break free of these stereotypical chains and prove to society that females could lead and leave a lasting impact. When a friend I bonded with during summer camp overseas asked me if I wanted to collaborate on a project, my immediate answer was, “YES!”

Females BOLD started from the idea of female empowerment.  It is a multi-national female and student-run organization featuring a blog on female stories and topics relevant to our world today. As the Managing Editor, I oversee the blog contents and edits to make sure the articles are at their best potential in encouraging women. As a writer, I was able to share my knowledge of the statistical benefits of having women in the workforce, such as a 35% increase in economic size in the U.S. if discriminatory laws were dropped, as well as share empowering tales.

With most of our site visitors coming from the United States, South Korea, and Indonesia, our team was even more encouraged upon hearing that a female artist shared one of our articles about her to her followers, as it was a step closer to reaching our desired influence. Females BOLD has provided me with the platform needed to help young girls become leaders in sharing their stories and empowering other women all over the world, as well as bestowed me with the benefits of connecting with a team of various cultures, and an experience in leading the other editors to create further impact in our articles.

Hi Rachel!

This is great! Your involvement in the Females BOLD certainly contributes to the community.

Upon reading this, I have a few suggestions and ideas that I think would be good to include:

1. I think it’ll be good to elaborate on the “high education and career” you mentioned in the 3rd paragraph and explain briefly why it’s important to break free of these stereotypical chains (perhaps include something like men and women are equal).
2. In my opinion, you’ve explained what Females BOLD does – which is good. Following this, it’ll be good to elaborate on the impact it has on the community. A few ideas to consider in including could be:
   1. Were there any testimonies from females getting encouraged/impacted through Females BOLD?
      1. If yes, please include – this will show the effect.
   2. You mentioned about a female artist that shared one of the articles – please elaborate further what the article was about, and how did it affect/change anything? What was the desired influence that had gotten closer?
3. The one that I highlighted yellow in the last paragraph kind of focuses on how Females Bold shaped you – which although true, I think we need to put more emphasis on you and what you have done. For the last paragraph, I think you could use words such as:
   1. “Through Females BOLD I have helped create awareness on the importance of…”
4. Lastly, I think it’s very important to include a brief sentence to explain how does female empowerment relates to a better community. Is it because of the equality, diversity, or something else?