Dear Friends,

At HI USA, we believe travel is a transformative journey to personal development and global citizenship. This journey begins before your bags are packed and you are preparing to discover the unknown. Then you learn, evolve, adapt, and transform while away, becoming a better version of yourself than when you left. Upon your return, you feel empowered to make a positive impact with your enhanced world view. From start to finish, HI USA serves our community of travelers with enriching experiences that last a lifetime.

In Fiscal Year 2018, we paid special attention to the beginning stages, ensuring new travelers were equipped with the information, inspiration, and finances to achieve their travel dream. From growing our Explore the World travel scholarship program to reuniting the influencers from the White House Travel Blogger Summit on Study Abroad & Global Citizenship, we paved the way for a new generation of travelers.

When their travel dreams took them to HI USA hostels, we ensured travelers’ visits were environmentally-friendly, filled with opportunities to connect with the local community and their fellow travelers. In fact, we hosted over 5,500 programs, attended by more than 126,000 travelers.

As these travelers returned home, we kept their travel spirit alive through volunteer opportunities, engaging content, and a sense of place at their local hostel. Even those deep, meaningful conversations on difficult topics – the kind you have late at night with your bunkmate – found a meaningful space in our Valued Voices program. Through this constantly twisting and turning path, we helped travelers see there is no such thing as a final destination.

It was a year of reflection for HI USA as well, reimagining our organizational structure to better serve the evolving needs of our community. The formation of two new departments – Digital Technology and External Affairs – signal a sharper focus on technology innovation and community partnerships. Also in Fiscal Year 2018, our bylaws were updated to reflect changes in New York State nonprofit law (where we are incorporated) and to better align our governance structure with growing organizational needs.

Thus, HI USA’s own transformative journey also continues, furthering our purpose to create a more tolerant world and winning a few notable awards along the way. Now we invite you to journey with us, wherever your path takes you, enjoying the ride for all its possibilities.

Yours in Hostelling,

Peggy Stevens, Board Chair  
Russell Hedge, President & CEO
Welcome to HI USA’s Annual Report for 2018! To get started, here’s some important insight on the path ahead, better known as Vision 2020.

HI USA will be a:
- Leading hostel provider in the world
- Valued source of experiential learning
- Widely recognized champion for intercultural understanding
- Effective advocate for youth travel
- Vibrant presence in communities across the United States

Journey with us as we explore the milestones of our year, supporting a global community of travelers, with Vision 2020 leading the way. This report will be your guidebook as we connect with travelers before, during, and after their travel experience.

BEFORE YOU GO

Planning a trip abroad can be as exciting as it is daunting. But HI USA has you covered! From information and resources to finances and inspiration, we can help you turn your travel dreams into reality.

Learn.
It’s the friends you’ve met for a day who become friends for life. It’s finding a community who share your thirst for exploration. It may even be a feeling you can’t describe. And all those things put together are why we hostel. For those who have yet to experience what our hostels are all about, we launched the aptly-named Why We Hostel campaign, a series of 12 videos, to take a deep dive into what makes HI USA hostels the accommodation of choice for our diverse community of travelers. These videos have reached nearly 3 million individuals combined, introducing the world many of us know and love to the next generation of travelers.

And what better way to develop a lifelong love of travel than through a study abroad program. You can earn college credit while experiencing a new culture, language, and way of life. But sadly, only 10% of Americans take advantage of this opportunity. So HI USA looked back to our community of top influencers who attended the White House Summit on Study Abroad and Global Citizenship in 2014, and invited them to HI New York with the same mission: to use their influence to move the needle on study abroad. In partnership with Partners of the Americas, HI USA brought together 100 bloggers and other influencers in travel for the Travel Blogger Summit on Study Abroad & Global Citizenship. Brands like Lonely Planet, Virgin Atlantic, and National Geographic also joined the case for study abroad. With an impressive list of speakers from the United Nations to the Travel Channel, #studyabroadbecause earned 43 million impressions in just 3 days, reaching trending status in New York City on Twitter.
In today’s day and age, traveling to locations in conflict – by choice – is a real issue for many people. Embracing this new reality, HI Boston created a travel education workshop to help travelers plan a safe, meaningful journey. From Northern Ireland to Israel to Palestine, this class brings together successful veterans with curious first-time visitors.

**A Great Day to Go: September 21**
- HI USA hosts Sleep for Peace nationwide
- Annual celebration in support of UN’s International Day of Peace
- 2018 Theme: Wake Up to a Better World
- Celebrations included food, Music, Yoga, and performances

**Finance It.**
It’s no secret that travel costs money, and it’s an unfortunate barrier for many. So in 2015, HI USA decided to do something about that: **Explore the World** travel scholarships were born. In its first year, 81 $2,000 travel scholarships were granted to young adults, age 18-30, with demonstrated financial need and a desire to pursue an educational or service learning journey abroad.

Growing each year, 104 $2,000 scholarships were awarded in 2018 across 13 locations. Volunteer committees reviewed 1,520 applications combined. Among these locations was New Orleans, even though the hostel was not yet opened.

**A Traveler’s Tale**
It was my first day in Nepal and I arrived at a building stacked five floors tall and my eyes settled on the comforting name written on it: Children’s Art Museum of Nepal.

After only a week, I had run an original workshop, spoken to teachers from all around Kathmandu about the importance of art in their schools, led workshops at two different schools, and worked with the entire Children’s Art Museum team to create lasting improvement in their curriculum.

Through this scholarship, I learned so much about the world, and also so much about myself.

-Allie Stephens, 2017 Explore the World recipient

In addition to international experiences, HI USA also values exploration of our own country – a journey many Americans have yet to embark on. Launched in 2016, **Explore America** aims to provide the financial resources, as well as the travel know-how, to empower young adults to experience the US. Award recipients receive up to 10 complimentary overnights at HI USA hostels, as well as a $500 travel stipend and travel planning assistance from staff.

In 2018, Explore America scholarships were available to residents in the DC, New York City, and San Francisco areas. 43 applications were received and 9 awards were granted.
ON THE ROAD

As your adventure begins, travel with a mindfulness to the people, places, and cultures you encounter along the way. With HI USA as your guide, you’ll know just what to do.

Travel With a Purpose.

For impact-minded travelers, there’s no better transformative opportunity than the Great Hostel Give Back. Throughout January and February every year, groups of six or more people receive a free night stay for each day they volunteer a minimum of two hours in the local community. Across our 30 groups in 2018, the homeless, beaches and rivers, the elderly, and more were the benefactors of nearly 4,000 service hours provided by almost 600 volunteers. But it wasn’t just these charitable causes to reap the benefits. As the first time staying in a hostel for three-quarters of the participants, the hostel stay opened their eyes to a new way of life. In fact, 81% said they believe staying in a hostel can increase intercultural understanding, while 87% believe that travel can lead to a more tolerant world. As responsible travelers, we strive to leave destinations better than we found them. With the Great Hostel Give Back, the travelers themselves are also changed for the better.

Taking the Gold

HI USA’s Pack Your Impact sustainability program was named a 2017 National Geographic Leader in Sustainable Tourism – Gold

- Campaign included games, special events, city guides, and insights
- Focused on making sustainable travel fun

Travel Responsibly.

Innovation. Scalability. Sustainability. These are just some of the requirements to qualify for Booking.com’s inaugural Booking Cares Fund, for nonprofits across the globe. With the top prize valued at nearly $250,000, we had our sights on piloting a data-driven, experience-based showerhead that had been on our radar for a couple years. It was unique, high-impact, and universal, and, just what the Booking Cares team was looking for. Out of more than 250 applicants worldwide, HI USA was one of five projects chosen worldwide. And we received a quarter million dollars to revolutionize the shower experience at our hostels.

Our project is this: to install 750 Hydrao SmartShowers across our hostel network. Powered by the flow of water, these shower heads change color based on length of time in the shower and provide shower-by-shower data on gallons consumed. The colored lights provide visual cues to let users know when it’s time to wrap up and ultimately get out, and HI USA has a goal of using this technology to shave 30 seconds off the average guest’s shower time.

With 30 seconds equaling roughly 1 gallon of water, and HI USA hosting just over one million overnight stays per year, the Million Gallon Challenge was born as a consumer-facing campaign to drive interest and engagement. This campaign and initial installation will begin in fall of 2018. For more information and updates, visit www.hiusa.org/million.

After years of research and development, plans have been solidified for the Dorm of the Future. Elements include secure storage, individual charging ports and lighting, high quality mattresses, and privacy designed beds. With the design perfected, most dorms will receive this upgrade over the next two years. This modern take is the perfect blend of enhanced privacy and improved social spaces to enhance the guest experience.
New York City

Culture & Community

Our hostels are so much more than just a place to rest your head. While our guests know us for our tours, dinners, and other social activities, our communities know us for education programs, community service initiatives, scholarship programs, and more. But in many cases, our community engagement is our best-kept secret. So we looked to HI New York to formalize our focus on community relations.

Serving as a pilot, HI New York launched HI USA’s Community Institution Project. To start, the hostel evaluated its assets. Realizing the tremendous value HI New York had in its expansive meeting space, historical structure, and programming, a funnel of new opportunity opened to more fully serve the community. HI New York has been actively partnering with small business, supporting vulnerable neighborhood communities through education, and serving mission-aligned nonprofits. In doing so, they built a strong foundation of reciprocity between the local culture and its travel hub.

Waste Not

- HI NYC earned 2nd place in HI’s global sustainability grant competition
- Funds will be used for a high-speed, fully contained composter
- New system works in a fraction of time as traditional methods

Best Of

As the tourism industry searches for best practices in sustainable tourism, the UN World Tourism Organization is developing resources to educate and inspire their constituents. Among these efforts is their Tourism For Development series, a collection of innovative best practices in sustainable tourism from around the world. And highlighted among the best is our very own HI New York hostel.

Chosen based on our emphasis around experiential learning, HI New York is recognized for creating intercultural understanding and global citizenship among travelers of diverse backgrounds.

Check out some of our new and reinvented spots for local culture, a sense of community, and sustainable living.
New Orleans

Hospitality and history, decadence and culture, and an insatiable appetite to enjoy life hardly give justice to the spirit that is New Orleans. This alluring destination is perfectly suited for young travelers from around the world, and the famed Canal Street warmly welcomed HI USA as part of New Orleans’ redevelopment efforts.

Hostel features include:
- Ample storage
- Bed lights & charging stations for each traveler
- Expansive kitchen & dining room
- In-House Café with unique New Orleans fusion cuisine

With plans to open in early 2019, HI New Orleans is located across the street from the French Quarter and will help hostellers experience everything from crawfish and beignets to zydeco and parades. And efforts to engage with the community are happening long before the doors officially open. Through the support of volunteers and community partners, as well as the gracious support from a growing number of donors, HI New Orleans awarded nine Explore the World travel scholarships. These deserving young adults were ultimately afforded an opportunity to venture abroad, which would have otherwise been out of reach.

San Francisco

With three hostels, the City by the Bay has endless opportunities for travelers and the community to explore, learn, and connect. You’ll also find it’s never too early to pique a lifelong thirst for travel. The Outdoor Hostel Adventures (OHA) program has been transforming the lives of next generation travelers by providing opportunities for them to explore the California coast in ways they rarely have before. A $4,200 grant from the San Francisco Unified School District will help ensure this educational program welcomes even more deserving young adults to great outdoors.

At a Glance
- 42 groups
- 1,200 participants
- 32-year old program

Santa Monica

Located between the famed 3rd Street Promenade and the picturesque Pacific Ocean, HI Santa Monica has been a beloved destination for more than 1 million travelers over the past 25 years. And it was time for a makeover! Raising the bar on what it means to be a hostel, HI Santa Monica is proud to present:
- Bathroom upgrades
- Modernized dorm rooms
- Air conditioning in all sleeping areas
- 3 new sleeping rooms

Stay tuned for even more enhancements – a 5-story wing is planned to accommodate a growing demand. From inside to out, this location will not disappoint!
Engage in Dialogue.
With a long-standing belief in the power of conversation to break down cultural barriers and build tolerance, Valued Voices was a natural progression as HI USA looked to expand mission-based education programs. Based on the idea of creating meaningful dialogue around difficult topics, this program draws together members of the community for one night and two days in a safe and engaging space.

First on our list to host was San Diego, with a successful pilot held in June and a theme of Recognizing and Responding to Microaggression. From there, this program heads to Boston, Chicago, New York, and San Francisco, each customizing a topic of importance to local residents.

Participants depart with an action plan to take back to their communities, and a greater understanding of HI USA’s important role for travelers and locals alike, where conversation is our best tool for effecting positive social change.

Our Volunteers
- Over 1,400 volunteers nationwide
- Of HI USA’s 5,500 programs, more than half are led by volunteers
- Nearly 30,000 service hours combined
- Activities include Tours, Meal Prep, Scholarship Committees, and Mixers

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HI USA thanks and honors the following members of the Hostelling Legacy Society who have so generously included legacy gifts to HI USA in their wills or trusts. Their foresight will help ensure that future generations of hostellers can have the same meaningful experiences they had.

For information on creating your own hostelling legacy, please contact us toll-free at (888) 449-8727 or by email at legacygiving@hiusa.org. If you have already included HI USA in your estate plans, please let us know.
## Consolidated Statement of Activities
American Youth Hostels, Inc. dba Hostelling International USA

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(a) Represents the change during the year in the non-cash valuation of the potential “prepayment” fee on a 10 year loan agreement. Loan matures October 1, 2024.

(b) The $10.8M represents cancellation of indebtedness income from the refinance of a hostel tax credit financing structure, while the $1.382M is the income tax owed from that debt forgiveness.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
American Youth Hostels, Inc. dba Hostelling International USA

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### Assets

#### Current Assets:
- Cash and cash equivalents: $6,255,345, 5,620,905
- Restricted cash: 1,137,557, 1,031,194
- Investments: 8,922,597, 7,085,743
- Accounts, notes, grants and contribution receivable: 235,041, 576,461
- Publication and materials inventory: 124,233, 77,942
- Prepaid expenses and other: 450,333, 514,039

Total current assets: $17,125,106, $14,906,284

#### Investments and Other Non-current Assets:
- Restricted cash: - $1,199,988
- Long-term portion of notes and contribution receivable, net: $192,933, $23,335,040
- Other assets, net: - 11,523

Total investments and other non-current assets: $192,933, $24,546,551

- Property and Equipment, net: $97,854,501, $96,639,774

Total Assets: $115,172,540, $136,092,609

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Current Liabilities:
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities: $6,410,107, $4,106,544
- Current portion of long-term debt & capital lease obligations: 18,709,694, 1,087,382
- Deferred income: 3,912,006, 3,843,283

Total current liabilities: $29,031,807, $9,037,209

- Long-term debt, net of current portion: $36,216,467, $82,284,303
- Other Liabilities: $96,093, $672,261

Total liabilities: $65,344,367, $91,993,773

#### Net Assets:
- Net Assets, controlling: $45,077,809, $35,637,236
- Net Assets, non controlling: - $5,000,192
- Net Assets, temporarily restricted: 4,614,854, 3,325,898
- Net Assets, permanently restricted: 135,510, 135,510

Total net assets: $49,828,173, $44,098,836

Total liabilities and net assets: $115,172,540, $136,092,609

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**NOTE:** The balance sheet was positively impacted by the March 31, 2018 year-end refinance of a hostel tax credit financing structure, which resulted in elimination of a significant amount of long-term debt, partially offset by elimination of a related long-term receivable, and overall increase in net assets. See footnote b on previous page for income statement impact.
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