



**Girls for Change**

## **Shelby Knox: Girl Activist**

**Young people don't know that they can make a difference. They don't know who to talk to; they don't know what to do. Plus there's also this pervading feeling of, "Our vote doesn't matter; our voice doesn't matter."**

**I started realizing that the lack of sex education was hurting people my own age. Many of them weren't getting the education at home or they weren't going [elsewhere] to get that information.**



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**A lot of teen girls will give oral sex and other types of sex because they don't feel like [it counts]. They feel they are still a virgin and rationalize, "I'm not going to hell now." But yet they are still getting sexually transmitted diseases because they're not using protection. And that is really scary.**

**A very powerful film that tells people what the issues are. Not telling them how to think about it, but just laying an issue out there and saying, "This is what's happening, what are you gonna do about it?" I'm hoping that's what my film does; there's a teaching guide around the film that I hope incites people to action. I think it's integrating those things into students' daily lives and making it something that they have to be aware of. But I don't really know how to do that. I know that we've tried. The group that I'm in, we try all the time.**