

Impact:Boston 2010 Separates 2  
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Bring everyone into the circle in the center of the room. Have candles in the center of the room and have the girls keep their eyes closed and sit them around the room. (Possibly have staff read names to call them inside.)

If there were ever a time to dare,  
to make a difference,  
to embark on something worth doing, it is now.  
Not for any grand cause, necessarily—  
but for something that tugs at your heart,  
something that's your aspiration,  
something that's your dream.

Open your eyes.

Theodor Herzl was the founder of modern political Zionism. His intense Zionist beliefs stemmed from witnessing both small and widespread acts of antisemitism. Herzl began to stand up for Jews everywhere and argued the necessity of a Jewish state where all Jews could live together, in peace.

He wrote Der Judenstat (The State of the Jews), a book in which he outlined his ideas for the Zionist movement and the creation of a Zionist state.

Then, he had to fight in the face of his opposition. He was received coldly in Constantinople and Bulgaria before a group of Jews would assist him in London. He was later denied support by the Pope, but continued fighting for the foundation of the State of Israel. In 1905, Herzl passed away, and none of his dreams had been realized.

Know, though, that things worth doing seldom come easy.  
There will be good days. And there will be bad days.  
There will be times when you want to turn around,  
pack it up, and call it quits.  
Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself,  
that you are not afraid to learn by trying.

Herzl gave his entire life to fight for the foundation of the Jewish state. His tears, his sweat, and his time all poured into the creation of the State of Israel. In another novel, The Old New Land, Herzl wrote "Im Tirzu, Ein Zo Agadah. If you will it, it is no dream." Despite fighting opposition, Theodor Herzl constantly proved his dedication.

Because with an idea, determination, and the right tools,  
you can do great things.  
Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart guide you.

Yet he never lived to see his dream come true.  
If he alone had tried to fight for the Jewish homeland, we would never have the State of Israel. He could not fight the battle alone.  
But his cause, his dream, lived on.  
Forty-three years later, the Jewish people had a homeland, the State of Israel.  
His dream came true.

Don't wait until everything is just right.  
There will always be challenges, obstacles,  
and less than perfect conditions.  
So what. Get started now.  
We are the ones we have been waiting for.

We all have our own dreams. We have aspirations that seem extremely far-fetched and unattainable. We want to STAND UP for the issues that mean the most to us: poverty, hunger, disabilities, governmental and political issues, the environment, and more. As individuals, we may see our dreams and think they are out of reach. As a group of 60 teens from around the country, we may feel beaten down and out of resources to make our dreams into reality.

Never give up a dream just because you fear you might not reach your goal.  
Don't underestimate your abilities as a teenager.  
Nothing in this world that's worth having comes easily.

WE ARE IMPACT BOSTON 2010. WE are young women dedicated to making a difference. Our experiences do not stop here. This is just the beginning.

This is the beginning of the realization of our dreams. The making of the future into a better world than we see today.

(Everyone goes around the circle and says their dream. Explain that they can be as far-fetched as they want, as long as they only say 1-2 sentences. Ask 3 girls to tell their dreams.)

Realize, that the making of your dreams into reality is no easy process. You nearly always can't do it alone, and the struggle to gain support and finalize ideas is the toughest part of the battle.

Remember the story of Theodor Herzl. He worked tirelessly for a huge, seemingly unattainable goal and, though he never saw, his goal was reached.

We have our dreams, our hopes, and causes we support.

Anything is possible. There is only one you.

And you will pass this way only once.

Do it right.

(Read poem as group, with certain people reading together.)