



AAUW Annual Report : Sept 2020 – May 2021

Name of Initiative: Days for Girls

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Project Goals:

1. Make 50 feminine hygiene kits to be distributed by different groups Internationally and locally
2. Resume our Workshop sessions and continue having members do work at home.
3. Recruit at least 5 new members to join our group.

Mission:

We make sustainable feminine hygiene kits for girls living in developing countries, refugee camps and shelters in the United States. Through our efforts we are providing young women the opportunity to attend school, receive an education & reach their potential which has been denied to them due to a wide variety of social, economic and cultural circumstances. Our program advances the equity of women and girls in education and leads to improving economic stability which supports the overall mission of AAUW.

Target Audience:

Girls miss 5-7 days of school each month both locally and in developing countries because of the lack of feminine hygiene supplies. Our Program helps to supply girls with feminine hygiene kits which is sustainable for 3 -5 years. Our program offers volunteer opportunities for the members of the community to think global and act local and engage in meaningful and constructive use of their time in trying to meet a global need.

Participants:

14 of our group (10 who are AAUW members) have been active participants in the work we have been able to accomplish during the pandemic in the 2020- 2021 year. Two of those members joined us this year. Many people who in previous years came to our workshops have not been able to participate, because their skill level requires supervised direction. We hope to be able to engage them again when we can meet as a group in the workshop environment. We have 37 volunteers on our email list (both AAUW volunteers and members of the community).

Sustainability:

We have extremely passionate co leaders and dedicated core members and have been able to continue our work during the pandemic. In January of 2021, we decided to try and do the work which had been done in our

workshops, so we could keep more members active and be more productive. That has worked out well. We accomplished this by doling out the various jobs to our skilled members, who return their work to be passed on to other skilled members until the work is done. As in the past we continue having seven members produce shields at home.

To involve those who have not been able to participate in our workshops, we have communicated (via e-mail) things we have accomplished and donations we have been able to make. In addition, we have had several Zoom sessions to keep our members informed about our thoughts and the current state of things.

Benchmarks:

Our total numbers of kits International and domestic distributed thus far is 269.

For the Sept 2020– May 2021 calendar year, we provided 30 international kits to the Chad Humanitarian Response Project.

Community Partners

Community Partners :

Pine Plains Methodist Church

Poughkeepsie Meeting of Friends (current Venue)

In- Kind Donors / Monetary Donations

AAUW Members

Hudson Valley NY Chapter - American Sewing Guild

We would like to thank the board and members of AAUW Poughkeepsie NY for supporting our initiative and we look forward to a very productive 2021-2022.

Thank you for Giving Girls 5-7 days of school. Period!

