

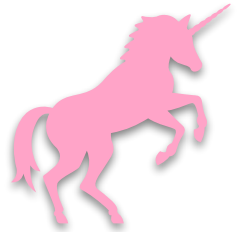


Hope 4 Women International/Dress a Girl Around the World!



August 2026.

- 1) Cheryl Peaslee's Legacy!
- 2) Women Sponsorship!
- 3) News Briefs!
- 4) Bonnie in the News!
- 5) What You do Matters!
- 6) Uganda Trip!



Cheryl Peaslee's Legacy

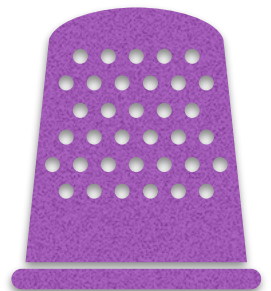
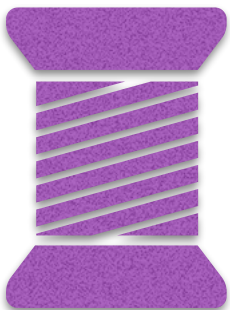
Cheryl Peaslee was devastated to learn she was terminally ill but her desire was to leave a legacy to women in business in Uganda. She sponsored 8 women and just before her death in 2024 she sent us an extra \$2000 to be divided among the 8 women.

We're pleased to say that Cheryl indeed left a legacy which will continue through these women and their children and grandchildren!

Here are the women two years later—prospering and remembering Cheryl for changing their destinies!

Here's Sarah and her thriving business. See the other women on the What you do Matters Page!

“May God bless H4Wi for wiping my tears of a poor woman Like me .I can now take care of my family and others in need. Through this business I got from my sponsor Cherly Peaslee” Yours Sarah



WOMEN SPONSORSHIP!!

Jane Gladys is 23 years old and was forced to drop out of school in primary 7 due to not having school fees. She married a policeman and they had one child. He was killed in an accident, leaving this young widow and her child. Jane Gladys currently sells assorted vegetables. She knows that when she is sponsored she can expand her business, allowing her to pay her child's school fees and pay for other expenses as well as save for emergencies.



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 For \$36 a month for one year you can sponsor Jane Gladys or another woman in need.

Please contact Lisa@h4wi.org

Sponsor a Woman!



Sponsored Woman's Name (if known) _____

Ministry Name (if known) _____

Rescue a woman from the grips of poverty and change her destiny!

Your tax-deductible one year commitment of \$36 a month will enroll a woman in our woman in business program in Uganda. At the end of one year she will graduate with a business of her own!

Contact Information:

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Payment Information:

Please select your payment option below:

☐ Annual  payment of \$432 by credit card, debit card or check

☐  Automatic debit or credit card monthly payment of \$36

Debit or Credit Card Number: _____ CVV# _____

☐ ☐ Expiration Date: _____ Amount \$ _____

Name of card holder: _____

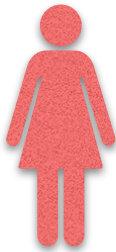
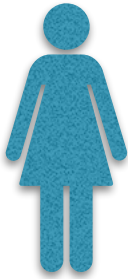
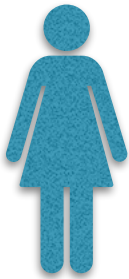
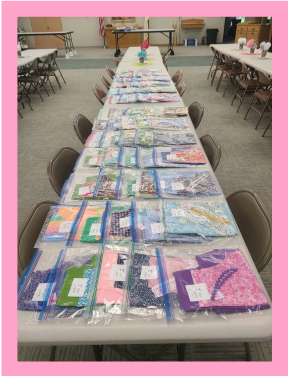
Signature of card holder: _____

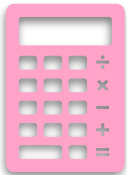
Thank you for bringing the promise of God's hope to the life of a woman!

Hope 4 Women International: PO Box 14, Forest City, IA 50436
website: www.h4wi.org !!! Contact: Lisa@h4wi.org

H4WI AND DRESS A GIRL NEWS BRIEFS

Our Dress a Girl Friends in Cumberland, WI held a special Dress a Girl sewing event. I would have loved to attend but couldn't work it out. They gathered at the First Lutheran Church and had a great day of making dresses. Here are a few of the photos from that day! Thank you ladies for your passion of sewing and sharing about Dress a Girl! We appreciate you so much!





Since Rosemary was sponsored by Pinewood Church her life has changed dramatically! She initially was selling vegetables and eggs and now is able to raise and sell goats. She joined a Savings co-op and uses her profits to pay her children's school fees. Rosemary has benefited in the following ways:

1. She is self-reliant and happy.
2. She supports her children's school requirements
3. She pays for her children's school fees
4. She saves money for emergencies

Rosemary says: "Thank you so much for blessing my life through the H4WI business program. I was very needy. I thank God that my family and I no longer lack food."

LONG TIME TEAM MEMBER OF HOPE 4 WOMEN AND HOPE 4 KIDS MADE THE NEWS



CONTRIBUTED
Bonnie Dirks celebrates with a group of women who have completed their basic literacy classes. The educational program was among Dirks' initiatives in Uganda.



CONTRIBUTED
At right, Pastor Ruth Kahawa presents a plaque to Bonnie Dirks of McFarland Lutheran Church honoring the work Dirks has done there. "It filled my life with purpose," Dirks said.

McFarland church members bring water, education to Uganda

ROBERTA BAUMANN
rbaumann@hngnews.com

In early April, Bonnie Dirks led her last missionary trip to Uganda, marking the end of a more than 20-year chapter that has included McFarland Lutheran Church (MLC) members.

Dirks has inspired fellow church members, who for that past 10 years have raised funds for freshwater wells there.

Access to fresh water is life-changing for the Ugandans, but the well dedications and nearly two-week stays there also profoundly affect the McFarland church members and others involved.

Ron Vandeberg, who chairs MLC's Global Mission Committee, just returned with Dirks and other members in April from his fifth well dedication trip to Uganda.

He said prior to the wells' installations, those in rural villages drink from "what can only be described as mud holes."

"I just love the joy of going to villages and seeing them celebrate clean water and being so thankful of the gift we've given them," Vandeberg said.

To fund the wells, MLC's Global Mission Committee organizes the Walk4Water at McDaniel Park event each year, and that fundraiser, along with the generous donations from McFarland area



CONTRIBUTED
A village gathers with Hope4Kids and McFarland Lutheran Church members to dedicate a new well.



CONTRIBUTED
Ron Vandeberg at left, with fellow McFarland residents Mary Olsen (second left) and Roger Marty at right, along with a volunteer from California at a well dedication.

businesses, have brought 22 wells in rural villages. In 2025, the event raised funds for six wells to be installed.

MLC partners with a much larger organization, Hope4Kids International, which oversees the wells' installation. Dirks first traveled with Hope4Kids to Uganda in 2004 and has returned each year except during

the COVID-19 pandemic, getting to know how she could fit in with Hope4Kids Uganda's ministry.

Over the years she's worked with Hope4Kids and other Christian based partners, such as Smile Africa, as well, since 2004.

Dirks described the Ugandans as warm and welcoming, but added

the culture is patriarchal. "The women have very low status. If you're a widow, you're on the bottom of the rung," Dirks said.

She has tried to set an example of how women should be treated by organizing a foot washing each year.

To do so, the elders of the village select 20 women.

"They sat in the circle and the Zulus, who they respect, would kneel in front of the women and wash their feet," Dirks said, adding they would also provide gifts of food.

"This was done in front of all of the village, so it was an important way of showing that these women should be respected.

Only 18 years after she began this tradition did the Ugandan men participate.

"Cultural changes are really hard to make, but it was very exciting to see the Ugandan men kneeling in front of these women who were nothing, basically, in their culture," Dirks said.

Dirks also found she could help make a difference by setting up educational programs for the widowed women. Some years, Dirks spent three months at a time on these efforts to help the widows become more self-sufficient, with about 200-300 women involved.

Fourteen villages participate. Sponsorships exist for teachers, who help the women learn basic math for purchases and sales and to write their names. There are also units on hygiene, English, and growing food.

In particular, moringa trees are available for the women to plant, and the women learn to care for them. According to Dirks, the leaves can be processed and are highly nutritious, with concentrations of vitamins A and C, and protein.

A finance program is also available for money management, Dirks said, with micro loans available.

"Education is important, and I felt like if I'm going to make a contribution, what's the most valuable thing I have to give? And that's my time and what I know," Dirks said.

Dirks has also inspired Vandeberg and others to join in her efforts to support Ugandans.

Vandeberg sponsors a child and gets to see them when he visits. The MLC group also helped distribute food at a Smile Africa Feed My Starving Children site, and delivered clothing to children there.

Dirks' dedication has spread beyond her church, as the entire McFarland community has touched Africa through the Walk4Water event. Other churches, too, have become involved.

Dirks said more people are always welcome to join them on their visits to Africa.

"It changes people," Vandeberg added. "Everybody comes back more supportive, and many go a second or third time."

"It filled my life with purpose for the last 20 years," Dirks added.

The next Walk4Water event is scheduled for Sept. 19, and the goal this year is to raise \$55,000.

"It really is the main fundraising event," Vandeberg said, adding the goal is to fund 5 more wells from this event.

What You Do Matters

Here are the women today who were sponsored by Cheryl Peaslee:



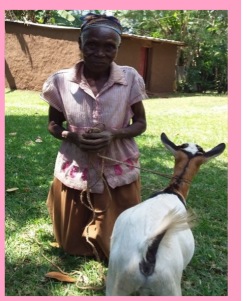
Jane says: “I used to suffer from ulcers but now am healed because I access good medical treatment with the help of the income source I received from Peaslee “Here she is with her animals. The cow is a sign of wealth!

“Am so grateful for H4WI and my sponsor for making me happy. I will soon get milk for home use and for sale. God bless you H4WI and my former sponsor Peaslee” says Tereza.



“Through H4WI Sponsorship, Am able to have a cow which is now pregnant .May God bless H4WI.”Exclaimed Zipola Akasia

“Hello H4WI, I am so grateful for my gift of a cow and business I received from Peaslee through H4WI. God bless you.” yours Rosemary



“I thank my former sponsor Peaslee who sponsored me through H4WI. I bought 2 goats and 1 pig. I’m pictured with one of the goats. God bless you! Kevin Awino

“I thank H4WI for the support and my sponsor Peaslee. My cow fell sick and I sold it at 500,000=. Am going to buy another young one. I also have two animals as a result of sponsorship. God bless you all for support.” Getulida



“Am so happy for my friend Peaslee who sponsored me through H4WI. I now have goats and birds as a result of sponsorship. I was able to raise funds also from the cow and I bought a pig which I have kept at my sister’s place due to limited space for tethering. May God bless you all”. Your friend Margaret.

HOPE 4 WOMEN/DRESS A GIRL TRIP!

We're going to Uganda to dress girls! Meet sponsored women! Sew with our Ugandan sisters! **April 6-19, 2027!!** Email amy@h4ki.org for more information and to sign up! This will be a trip of a lifetime! You won't want to miss it!



Dress a Girl is also on TikTok showing videos of people around the world distributing dresses and some fun Dress a Girl Family videos as well. If you have a DAG video to show off on our TikTok page please email it to rachel@h4wi.org https://www.tiktok.com/@dressagirlaroundtheworld?_t=8sheFwVaM62&_r=1

Please like us on Facebook!
Official Page for Dress a Girl Around the World
And
Hope 4 Women International
We're on Instagram too!
Thank you for your continued support!

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible financial gift, allowing us to continue reaching our world, we'd appreciate it so very much!

Please mail a check to:
Hope 4 Women International
PO Box 14
Forest City, IA 50436



Or: <https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/general-4>

We also accept Zelle payments

Or Donate through Venmo @H4WIDAG