



Whoever is kind to the **poor** lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

February 2026.

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Hope 4 Women International Dress a Girl Around the World! St. Charles, Michigan Methodist Sewers!



We love the many seamstresses around the world and the efforts and passion each group enjoys! We received this letter from a group of women in Michigan who sewed for three years!

“Dear Rachel, Jordan, & Team, On behalf of the seamstresses from ST Charles, Michigan UMC , we are sending you our last box of sundresses for Dress a Girl Around the World. We thoroughly enjoyed making the sundresses & feel incredibly blessed to have done so. We sent at least 500 dresses to you and are confident that they have reached little girls that will feel special when wearing them! We commend you for your phenomenal efforts and accomplishments. You are truly remarkable individuals! God bless you! Thank you for allowing us to join you on the journey to help others throughout the world! Your Sisters in Christ,”

Thank you Ladies for sending us over 500 beautiful dresses! We are grateful!

WOMEN SPONSORSHIP!!

Erina dropped out of school in primary 5 because her father died and they could no longer pay the fees. At the age of 17 she married a peasant and had six children. She currently raises and sells animals for a small profit and believes when God gives her a sponsor she will be able to expand her business and buy basic needs for her family as well as save some money for family emergencies.

If you'd like to sponsor Erina please contact lisa@h4wi.org



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 Erina or another woman in need.

**Please contact
Lisa@h4wi.org to sign up!**

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

HOPE 4 WOMEN/DRESS A GIRL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025!

We've reached over Five Million Girls Since we Began!!

You are all amazing in making this ministry flourish!! Thank you for a great year!

Here's what we did together in Uganda:

We sponsored 82 women! Twenty-two new women came into the sponsorship program this month so we are off to a great start!! Thank you!

Of those in the 2025 program businesses ranged from retail shops—women selling shoes, clothing and food items. They sold livestock, chickens, turkeys, charcoal, fish. Some provided catering services. The benefits to the women and their families are amazing! They were able to improve their living standards—their quality of food and housing went up! They were able to pay for their children to go to school and for medical care. Even managing to put some in savings for those family emergencies.

Throughout the year, mission teams traveling with Hope 4 Kids International hosted four day spas for women! Some of the women were also treated to a special dinner at the hotel!

Thirty-two women received gifts and Christmas money from their sponsors. Of those—five women were gifted with cows! Cows are highly valued!

Thanks to Bonnie Dirks we have 150 women ready to graduate from her basic reading and writing classes. Women empowerment begins with women writing their names and proudly reading short sentences in English. We see women who appeared timid and fearful now become confident business women!! Thank you all so much for helping these women redefine their roles and to take their well deserved places in society!

You donated 58 sewing machines to women and sewing committees within Uganda!!

Other gifts above and beyond sponsorship included goats, sewing kits, mosquito nets, handbags, medical support, and more!

You are a blessing to us and to our Ugandan Sisters!!

Dress a Girl Around the World went crazy!!

Thanks to all our ambassadors and partners around the world we have now reached over **5 million girls!!!! That's right 5 million dresses since October of 2009!!** That is what has been reported! Thank you for being so amazing!! Thank you for caring about giving girls around the world dignity and God's love!!

Locally—At Headquarters in Forest City, IA we've been busy!:

We hosted three local events! We had two free family days with bouncy houses, games, hotdogs, chips, drinks and ice cream! We gave away dresses, balls and frisbees to the kids.

We had a Hope 4 Women/Dress a Girl float in our local parade.

Last Fall we participated in a day at the Corner Pumpkin Patch!

We hosted a crafting day at Headquarters. People enjoyed finger foods while they crafted scrappy dolls & wreaths!

Dress a Girl was on hand at three local kids's events put on by the church. We gifted them with dresses and toys!

We donated 50 dresses to a local "shop with a cop" event at Christmastime.

Rachel shared the Hope 4 Women/Dress a Girl story at various churches and quilt shops.

Rachel, Lisa and Jordan traveled to Southwest Missouri to share a day with our fabulous Dress a Girl team there!

Each Monday we open our doors to volunteers! People have come from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri , Colorado and many other places to spend a few hours or as the ladies from Southwest Missouri did—they came for several days and worked to help us organize the thrift store and storage rooms!

Our thrift store has expanded

You will be welcomed with open arms! Come and see us!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A DRESS A GIRL AMBASSADOR?

We get many requests from people who want to become a Dress a Girl Ambassador. The first step is we ask that the potential ambassador email pictures of dresses she's made so we can be sure we're on the same page when it comes to creating "God's best dress." We then start a conversation from there—why you want to become an ambassador—what is your current involvement in DAG—what is your vision for your area—etc. Being a volunteer ambassador takes commitment and many hours of work.

I reached out to several ambassadors and asked them to tell me their thoughts on the most rewarding and the hardest part of being an ambassador. Due to lack of space I had to shorten some of the answers.

On the rewards side:

Seeing how God is using this ministry and how it touches those involved.

Ladies who were lonely and in need of connection have shared that they now feel they have purpose and are excited and energized as they sew and attend the workdays.

Hearing stories and seeing pictures from the missionary stories about sharing the clothing with the children and how the children & their families responded.

Being invited to share with others about the Dress a Girl ministry and how they can be a part of it, then seeing the excitement build.

Seeing how God answers prayers. When we are in need of supplies, He shows up! When we are looking for missionaries, He shows up! When we take up a collection for a need, He shows up and doubles or triples what we set as our goals.

It's just AWESOME to see first hand and then be able to share with others all that God has done. SW Missouri

-seeing the girls wearing the dresses we made as the ladies (and men!) put a lot of love and prayers into each dress!

-Also, seeing some of the seamstresses blossom as they find something they can put their heart into and bless others at the same time.

-It's fun to see the creativity a few trims and bright fabrics can make!

-Ok, plus meeting all the friends like you ❤️. -Having fellowship with other seamstresses! Carol.

it's a toss up to me...getting pix and hearing stories about the girls getting dresses but the other part is hearing the stories about how much being involved means to the person sewing...how it's given them purpose, saved their lives/sanity, given them hope, a reason to live. Suzanne

The best part is dressing the girls and getting their pictures back! Marisa

The new relationships with other Godly women and the joy and laughter we share when working together. Kay

Difficulty

Two areas for me is sometimes having to correct a sister sewist after performing quality checks and sometimes finding ministries to share dresses. Kay

The hardest part for Suzanne is people wanting to help but don't follow our guidelines.

Carol & Marisa say the hardest part is storage while waiting for missions to carry the dresses.

Coming up with money for supplies. How to deal with "unacceptable dresses." Carol

The hardest part is balancing the many details of the ministry while wanting to meet every need that comes our way. At times, the needs feel greater than our resources, and the waiting can be challenging. Yet even in those moments, God reminds us that this is His work. Over and over, He proves faithful—providing supplies, sending missionaries, and multiplying gifts beyond what we could imagine. Those challenges only deepen our trust and make it even more meaningful to witness all that God continues to do. SW Missouri

Featuring Ambassador and Air Force Veteran, Pearl Blackburn

Pearl, our Oregon/Washington ambassador, served in the US Air Force for eleven years. She served from 1977-1988 in active duty. She then served for three years in the US Navy Reserve at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana.

Her military career was in inventory management/store keeping and advanced to the position of Base Engine Manager of F-16 engines at Bitburg AB, Germany; She also completed a BS degree in Business & Management from the University of Maryland.

She was stationed at Charleston, SC; Yokota AB, Japan; MacDill AFB, FL and Bitburg AB, Germany.

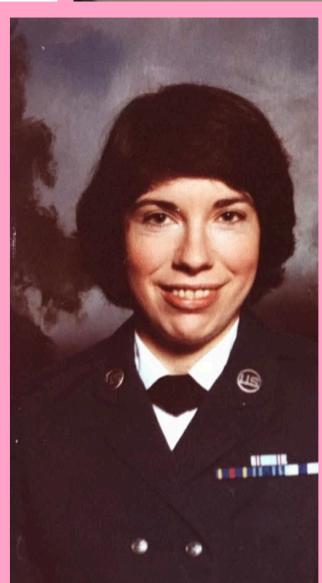
Pearl is currently serving her community in leadership positions such as second vice commander in the American Legion; General Federation of Women's Clubs—Cathlamet Woman's Club; and as the Dress a Girl Ambassador for Oregon/Washington State for the last six years.

When I asked Pearl what are the rewards of being an ambassador and what is the most difficult part of the role she replied:

“On being Dress a Girl Ambassador is sharing the love of sewing and sharing how the person sewing the dress, the many hands to deliver the dress to a girl around the world with love & prayer all the way. Our traveling dresses of love. I have met many wonderful women (including yourself) through the Dress a Girl program. The blessings multiply with each dress. With each girl.

Hardest part is accepting that as the years go by the Dress a Girl program will change depending on the needs of women & girls. We were there for women to cope through the pandemic to share their time & talents with girls around the world.”

Thank you Pearl for your years of service to our country and to your dedication to Dress a Girl Around the World. It's an honor to have you with us.



LOOKING AHEAD!

It's not too soon to start planning our 2027 Hope 4 Women/Dress a Girl trip to Uganda!

We will be experiencing the culture! Sewing with local women! Dressing Girls! Hosting spa days! Mingling with our sisters in Uganda! This will be an experience of a lifetime! Please email me rachel@h4wi.org if you are interested in going and we will start the process!



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

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