

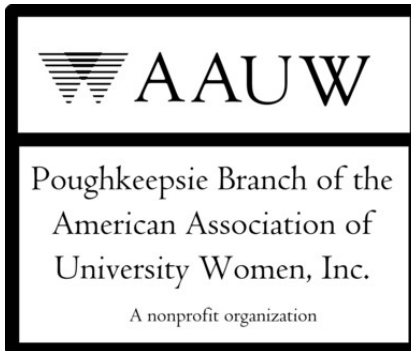


◀ Goals ▶

- To provide learning experiences and enrichment opportunities for young children
- To increase awareness of the world around them for school-aged children
- To help middle school girls make positive choices and increase opportunities
- To mentor college women in achieving pay equity
- To support community members in attaining life-long educational goals

◀ Mission ▶

Our community outreach program helps children, teens and women reach their full potential. The continuum of programs provides information and literacy support for new mothers, books for pre schoolers, math and science activities for school-aged children, mentoring for middle-school girls, pay equity resources for women, and community activities reinforcing multiculturalism as a core value.



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

*Equity
for
Life*

*Community outreach
to achieve
equity for all*

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◀ Program ▶

Achieving equity is seen as a lifelong process. *Equity for Life* coordinates community outreach programs and funding for all equity projects. It takes a holistic approach and provides programs which enhance equity opportunities for people of all ages in the community.

Specific programs provide support for babies, young children, school-aged children, college students, and adults and continue to provide opportunities and empower them throughout their lives.

The projects bridge significant gaps in available services and create strategic partnerships with other community agencies.

◀ Projects ▶

Diversity Outreach and follow-up activities: A conference bringing together a diverse population to discuss issues affected by multiculturalism and find ways to support positive community efforts. Community focus groups currently carry out conference goals with forums on diversity in education, business media, health and human resources, and cultural competency.

Live Your Dream Conference for middle-school girls: Annual conferences for 7th grade girls to help them deal with issues such as body image, relationships, and math/science/technology achievement. Follow-up reunions provide mentoring opportunities. Over 250 girls have taken part in the programs.

Leading to Reading: Parent-child book kits and classroom libraries are provided to needy children throughout the community. Children range in age from infants through high school. Working with ten agencies, over 3,000 books have been distributed.

Let's Read Math: A workshop for elementary teachers to provide math activities related to children's literature. Teachers were provided materials to use in their classrooms and share within other teachers in their schools. School districts with a high percentage of low socioeconomic status students were targeted.

\$tart\$mart: Workshops presented at area college campuses to help students research job titles and negotiate fair and equitable starting salaries. Workshops reach students on five local campuses.

◀ Community Partners ▶

AAUW Educational Foundation

Betty Shabazz Academy

Catharine Street Community Center

Culinary Institute of America

Dutchess Community College

Dutchess County Child Care
Coordinating Council

The Dyson Foundation

Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church

Lisa Libraries

Marist College

Mt. Saint Mary College

Poughkeepsie Family Development
Day Care Center

Sister to Sister

Society of Women Engineers

United Way of Dutchess County

Vassar College

