

International Relations 2017-2018

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This year we established the local branch of Days for Girls team (Days for Girls Poughkeepsie NY Team) Days for Girls is an International organization that provide hand made sustainable feminine hygiene kits for girls living in developing countries, refugee camps and in shelters in the united states who otherwise would miss 5-7 days of school because of the lack of feminine hygiene products

This program supports the mission of AAUW because it enables girls to stay in school and contributes to breaking the cycle of poverty

Our Community Partners are The American sewing guild, The Poughkeepsie meeting of Friends, Vassar Hospital and The Poughkeepsie library system. We also have members of the community who participate in our team

We have 17 AAUW members who have volunteered at our work sessions or work at home on making kit components. On average half of the participants at the work sessions are AAUW members.

This is a sustainable program which gets together members of AAUW and the community to make a needed sustainable product for girls and promotes girl's education world wide

Other Activities of International Initiatives:

July – December 2017: bimonthly DFG Work session at Vassar Hospital

November: We collected supplies (under wear, wash cloths and fabric for Days for Girls kits)

Decembers: Members of AAUW Poughkeepsie branch attended International Human rights Days at the FDR Presidential library

January- March 2018: Monthly Work session at Boardman road library

February: We received a grant from AAUW NYS

March: A group of members attend the parallel events of CSW 62

April – June: monthly DfG work session at Poughkeepsie meeting of friends