

HOPE 4 WOMEN INTERNATIONAL



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



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

By Barbara Taylor, Dress a Girl Ambassador Santa Cruz, CA!

"In 2013, as new Area Ambassador, I had more than enough to think about getting a local Dress a Girl chapter up and running. However, I was very curious about our parent organization, Hope4Women, International, and always intended to somehow get involved in that, too. That opportunity came in 2016 when Rachel visited a nearby Dress a Girl chapter and brought along profiles of three women. I picked up "Annet's" profile and read that there was "no joy in her life", as Annet put it. Something about that phrase tugged at my heart and I knew I wanted to be a means for adding some "joy" in her life from afar. I committed that day to sponsoring her in H4WI "Women in Business Training".

The year passed quickly and this photo appeared in my inbox:



Seeing this proud moment in such living, joyful color affirmed that investing in a woman's life was one of the most joyful experiences for ME, too!

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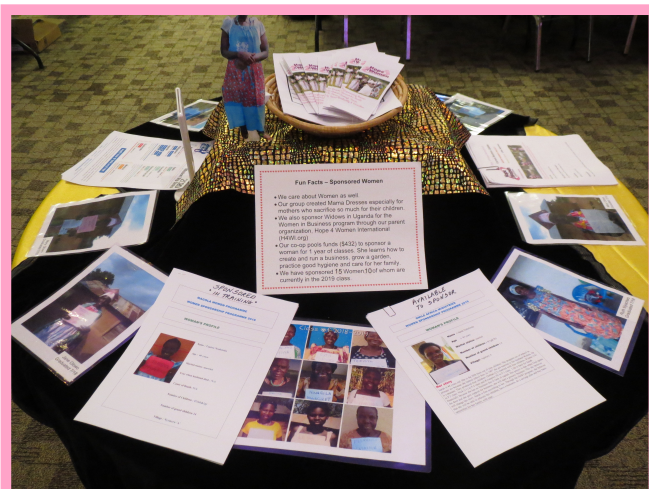
I just knew the ladies in our Dress a Girl group would want to be a part of this, although I knew that many of our volunteers were “tapped out” financially. My co-leader, Donna, and I decided to present the idea of forming a co-op and hoped to get twelve people to sponsor one month. For \$36 a piece twelve people could co-sponsor a woman. After my presentation, not only did our co-op collectively sponsor a woman, but three others sponsored women individually. That remains one of my most exciting pursuits. I highly recommend the co-op option as a way to give everyone a chance to participate. Many of our members could not afford to participate on their own and would be excluded from the joy derived from sponsorship.

Since then, members of our Santa Cruz Dress a Girl and our SCDAG Co-op have sponsored 35 women in business, 25 of whom have graduated and ten are in various stages of the program. We like the idea of giving these women a hand up, and not just a hand out. The women do all the work, the sponsors just give her an opportunity that would not have been available otherwise. We rejoice together whenever we receive an update from H4WI indicating how the women have benefitted.

It is also motivating to know that many of these graduates are so proud of themselves that they want to be buried holding their diplomas so that people will know they accomplished something in their lives!

I have set up a H4WI co-op pool through Paypal and when it reaches \$432, we sponsor another woman. We also will accept any amount by personal check or credit card. This creates lots of ways for participation without committing one person to the entire \$432.00.

When one of our co-op members, Cecelia, passed away last year, we decided to sponsor a woman in her memory. Members of her family loved this idea and have decided to sponsor one in her memory every year. Cecelia would be thrilled to know we are investing in women as a tribute to her and it is a way we can express the love we had for Cecelia to others.”



Thank you Barbara and your team in Santa Cruz for your great efforts and for changing the lives of 35 women and their children and grandchildren! With an average of six children per woman you have impacted the lives of at least 210 people! May God bless you richly!

WOMEN SPONSORSHIP!

Grace is 37 years old. She dropped out of school in primary three as she didn't have money to pay school fees. In 1995 she married and they had five children. In 2015 her husband died abruptly and she was left to try to support her children on her own.

She sells silverfish but doesn't make enough to sustain her family. Her prayer is that when God opens the door and she gets support for a business, she will expand her business for more profits. This she believes will change her story. Grace has suffered from headaches for the past two years and receives treatment from the nearby health center. Through the H4WI program she believes that she will be able to expand her business, educate her children, buy basic necessities for her family and buy animals like goats and a cow.



Grace Achar

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 Grace or another widow in need.

Please contact

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Sponsor a Woman!



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 women 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: _____

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

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IN MEMORY OF JUDY MYERS!



Judy Myers **June 6, 1947-March 13, 2021**

Our sweet friend Judy went home to Jesus on March 13th. She passed away in the presence of her family after a long struggle with cancer. I'm so grateful we were all able to spend time with her at Dress a Girl Phoenix last month. She has been a faithful volunteer and a great friend. She attended our monthly Hope 4 Women/Dress a Girl serve days and was willing to pitch in wherever she was needed--Often bringing her granddaughters to serve alongside of her. When we lived in North Phoenix she and her granddaughters were frequent visitors. Not only did Judy volunteer for Hope 4 Women/Dress a Girl but she and her grands would attend our kid days at A Place to Dream. Her granddaughter, Sarah came once a week to ride horses. Judy also gave her time to serving at Mom's Pantry in Phoenix--an organization that serves the community by giving out groceries to those in need.

Judy called me on March 3rd to say goodbye. We both cried and told each other how much we loved each other. We talked about her grands and her husband and how hard it was going to be on them but that she could pass on to them the hope of seeing her again one day if they follow Christ. She was ready to go home.

I had the privilege of praying with her before we hung up.

Judy, you will be missed so much! By so many! Save a place for me. I'll be joining you one day.



DRESS A GIRL!



Pearl Blackburn--Dress a Girl Ambassador for Oregon/Washington

Our Oregon/Washington ambassador was recently written up in their local newspaper. Here's what the article said:

“Last Thursday at Johnson Park, I had the pleasure of sitting with Pearl Blackburn to hear about her volunteer position of ambassador for both Washington and Oregon for "Dress A Girl." At Johnson Park, she has a room full of dresses for girls from 18 months to 3 years old. Volunteer seamstresses from Cathlamet through Naselle sew the dresses at home using any cotton fabric they have on hand, or cotton that's been donated. No zippers needed. The basic pattern is easy. Many dresses are made with bright designs or just fun fabric patterns. Two pockets are required on each dress. In 2020, 176 were distributed with 125 out to the Philippines. This year, 175 have been sent out so far. The bulk of the dresses go overseas in bags of 25, with many sent off to missionary programs. The dresses, as you can imagine, improve their self-image and confidence. Every girl loves a new dress! This program, located at Johnson Park, is just one of the activities there on a busy Thursday afternoon.

PEARL BLACKBURN: Pearl came to Grays River five years ago from Georgia. She is active in the Grays River Grange, as well as with the dress program. She is retired but keeping busy with her volunteer work. I watched her in wonder. This is a kind, patient person and I could see right away that she's easy to work with and would make a great volunteer in any group. Simply to say, I liked her right away. She also coordinates the Cathlamet dress program. She does not request funds but loves seeing folks with extra pieces of cotton fabric donate them. Even the size of a pocket works! If you would like to donate material, you can see her at Johnson Park most any Thursday.”

Thank you Pearl and your team for all you are doing in Oregon and Washington! We are so proud of you!



FINAL THOUGHTS!

I've been learning to bake bread to include in our local comfort baskets. I didn't realize how easy it is to make and thought you might enjoy this recipe for French Bread!

Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon instant or active dry yeast
- 3/4 tablespoon salt (see note)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, canola oil, vegetable oil or avocado oil
- 5 1/2 - 6 cups all-purpose flour or bread flour (see note)



Instructions

In the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the dough hook, combine the water sugar and yeast. If using active dry yeast, let the mixture bubble and foam before proceeding (this can take 3-5 minutes). If using instant yeast, proceed with the recipe (no need to let the yeast activate).

1. Add the salt, oil and 3 cups of flour and mix. Add in 2 1/2 to 3 more cups of flour gradually. The dough should clear the sides of the bowl and form a soft ball that doesn't leave a lot of dough residue on your fingers. Knead for 2-3 minutes until the dough is smooth. If the dough starts to cling to the sides of the bowl (or the center column if using a Bosch or other mixer with a center), add 1/4 cup of flour at a time until a sturdy but soft ball of dough forms.
2. **Rising Method :** Leave the dough in the mixer, cover with a lid or towel, and let the dough rest for 10 minutes. Stir it down by turning on the mixer for 10 seconds or so. Repeat the "rest and stir down" cycle five more times.
3. Turn the dough onto a lightly greased surface and divide in half. Pat each section into a thick rectangle, 9X13-inches or thereabouts (doesn't have to be exact). Roll the dough up starting from the long edge, pressing out any air bubbles or seams with the heel of your hand, and pinch the edge to seal. Arrange seam side down on a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper (I use separate baking sheets for each loaf). *You can slash several gashes in the top of the bread now or wait until after it has risen (to avoid the risk of the bread deflating)* Cover with greased plastic wrap or a kitchen towel, and let the loaves rise until noticeably puffy and nearly doubled in size, about an hour.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F and make sure an oven rack is in the center position. If you haven't already, with a very sharp knife or baker's lame cut several gashes at an angle on the top of each loaf . Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden and baked through. Remove from the oven and slather with melted butter (optional, but delicious).

Be sure to let our Hope 4 Healing Ministry know if you need prayer! We're here for you!
Please email Rachel@h4wi.org to request prayer for yourself or a loved one.

Thank you for your continued support!

**If you are able to make a financial donation during this critical time,
may God bless you richly!**

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