
PLEASE NOTE:

Optional Supplemental Material (No points) Judges place primary importance on the written narrative. Substantiating materials do not earn points and are considered only in a supplementary perspective.

ENTRY SUBMISSION:

Submit your entry by June 30 to the email address shown on the District Nine Webpage www.altrusadistrictnine.org under Members Only/Reports and Awards.

Supplemental Material for: Helping Those in Need Around the World



classrooms for both students and teachers to use. This program is literacy based and designed to improve disadvantaged and underprivileged children's literacy skills. These children, in turn, will be able to help their families to understand and read English language as well.

The Helping Those in Need Around the World International Relations Project was tremendously successful and had far-reaching impact! One hundred percent of club members contributed by collecting donated items, collecting diapers, collecting and raising funds, and hands-on service with Days for Girls. The club members dedicated 1121 volunteer hours to make this project a resounding success!

Evaluation of the Project:

The Helping Those in Need Around the World International Relations Project was tremendously successful and had far-reaching impact! Altrusa International of San Antonio Texas identified the needs of refugees and girls in under developed countries and came to the call. Menstrual health management is a matter of human rights, and a critical component to achieving gender equity says the Days for Girls organization. Days for Girls quote: We believe in a world where periods are never a problem and our members believe this also. By providing diapers and 350 menstrual kits we met a need and worked toward meeting some of the needs of these babies and teenage girls.

This project was very enlightening and engaging. Club members came to understand the struggles and needs of teenage girls globally. Our members were not asked for much except their time, and we know that our donations and hands on work have made a tremendous impact.

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our kits wrote saying: "When we have those kits, we can do something great in this world!"

Altrusans are proud to help these women and girls achieve their full potential!

Besides doing the hands-on assistance, Altrusa San Antonio, donated panties, washcloths, and funds to help defray the cost of materials. This was especially timely as the Fair Oaks team had just lost their funding from one of their largest sponsors. Altrusa was able to replace their lost funding with their donation. Additional gift cards to purchase fabrics were donated by individual club members.

With the outbreak of war, the need for money and medical supplies to be sent to Ukraine was great. Partnering with Ukrainian San Antonio, club members were able to collect both funds and medical supplies to donate to the Ukrainian crisis.

The global need is close to home as well. San Antonio has one of the largest Middle East refugee population in the United States. Many of the refugees have little to nothing when they arrive. Members collected and delivered diapers to the refugee center. This was especially helpful when the Texas Diaper Bank was unable to fulfill the Center for Refugee Services' order.

With the large influx of Middle East refugees into the San Antonio area, there are many children that are just beginning to attend school in the United States. Mead Elementary recently developed a "Newcomer" Campus to house the 107 refugee students in Kindergarten through 5th grades. All of these children's families are low income and two-thirds of the students only speak Pashto. In order to address the educational gap for these children, Altrusa San Antonio, in conjunction with ASTRA San Antonio, applied for and received a \$2,000 grant to help immerse refugees into the English language. The grant funded a set of 10 English-Pashto books for each of the six grade classrooms and numerous Optical Character Recognition (OCR) pens that read aloud in both English and Pashto. Members of the San Antonio club went to the school to teach the teachers and students how to utilize the materials. The books that were purchased will stay in each of the

Executive Summary / Synopsis:

A 60-word count synopsis of your project providing brief outline of key aspects of the project. This synopsis will not be counted towards the project description count and will not affect submission eligibility. The synopsis will be used if your awards is selected as the winning entry.

Altrusa International of San Antonio Texas, Inc. partnered with Days for Girls, Center for Refugee Services and Ukraine San Antonio to bolster our service efforts around the world. Three hundred menstrual kits, necessary supplies, funds, literacy assistance, and medical supplies were distributed by club members during the past year. Our club is proud to have served these global communities.

Project Description: (1,000-word limit)**Selection of the Project:**

Members of the Altrusa International of San Antonio Texas determined the best way to utilize our time and resources to have the greatest impact on our global community. Once the projects were identified, project coordinators were identified, and plans were made to implement each of the programs.

Development/Implementation of the Project:

Members overwhelmingly decided to continue our partnership with Days for Girls International, Fair Oaks team to ensure that women and girls around the world have access to educational opportunities and better livelihood outcomes by having access to menstrual resources. Members provided monthly hands-on support to cut fabric, serge and straight-stitch material, fold, and assemble completed kits. To assemble the approximately 300 kits per year, 2400 flannel liners, 600 shields, 300 drawstring bags, 300 carry pouches, assembled, and sewn. To complete the kits, 300 washcloths and 300 panties must be separated, sized, and folded. The kits were distributed to girls and women in Ukraine, Uganada, and many South American countries. One of the ministries that received some of

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Name of Project

Nomination for Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

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Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Entry Form

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Club Membership (as of entry date): **20**

Project Title: **Helping Those in Need Around the World**