

SERVICE PROJECTS

2022 - 2024

There will be two service projects during the next two years that will help our individual Grand Jurisdictions as well as the International Jurisdictions. Each service project will last for one year.



The first project will be "*Purses of Empowerment*," which will be donated to domestic violence shelters and centers in our individual communities. This first project will begin August 4, 2022 and through July 31, 2023.

Over the course of a year gently used purses will be collected by each assembly along with personal hygiene products (See list below for suggested items).

Sometime towards the end of the year, either at your Grand Session or a statewide event, please have a "Purse Packing Party" to place items collected over the year in each purse. These purses with all of these different items will go to women in need, as most women who leave domestic violence situations leave with hardly anything. You can assign a specific item for each assembly to collect throughout the year, but any donation will be used.

At North Carolina's Grand Assembly in June 2022, we had a "Purse Packing Party" and filled 355 purses! The girls enjoyed being together knowing they were helping women in need. The purses were divided equally among the assemblies and brought back to their communities where they were donated to various shelters and centers dedicated to helping women rebuild their lives.

Here's a list of suggested items:

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| Toothbrushes/paste | Band-Aids/adhesive bandages |
| Deodorant | ChapStick |
| Feminine hygiene items | Hair brush/comb |
| Small notepad & pen | Facial wipes |
| Socks | Hand sanitizer |
| Body wash | Lotion |
| Shampoo | Pocket pack tissues |
| Hair ties | Miniature Bible |

Please note that all hygiene products need to be travel size so that everything will fit into the purses – hotel toiletries are perfect! All size purses are acceptable, but the purses **MUST CLOSE**. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk. Check with your lodges, OES Chapters, Amaranth Courts, and other organizations to see if they will donate items and/or monetary gifts to purchase the items.