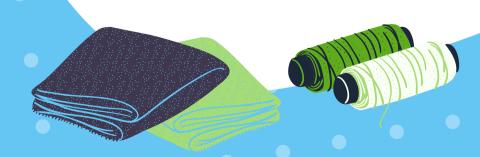


Service Project Starter Kit

Everything your group needs to start a **Sew Powerful** project



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About Sew Powerful THE BASICS







Sew Powerful was founded by Jason and Cinnamon Miles in 2009 after a "chance" meeting that was all part of God's plan. Sew Powerful is a 501(c)3 charity registered in the state of Washington. All positions are held by volunteers.

Our Mission:

Sew Powerful is a Christian ministry that works to combat extreme poverty by creating jobs that provide training and tools to facilitate the creation of purposeful products. These include purses, school uniforms, reusable hygiene pads, soap, and farm fresh food. All designed to promote and enable the academic success of children throughout Zambia, while providing the dignity of work for adults.

Sew Powerful asks volunteers from around the world to make and send their purses to their headquarters in Seattle. At the same time, Sew Powerful has hired, trained and paid moms in Zambia to sew reusable feminine hygiene supplies. The pads, shields, underwear and soap go into the purses made by the volunteers. The filled purses are gifted to Zambian schoolgirls as an incentive to stay in school all month, improving their chances to live life in all its fullness. Visit the SewPowerful.org website for more information.

About Sew Powerful ON VIDEO







Links To:

- 7-minute purse distribution video: **CLICK HERE**
- 6-1/2 minute presentation about Sew Powerful: <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- Beginner and intermediate purse making tutorials: <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- Sew Powerful on YouTube: CLICK HERE
- Videos on the Sew Powerful Facebook page: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Why We Need Your Help

Girls who stay in school all month long are much more likely to pass their 7th grade exam, allowing them to pursue secondary education in Zambia. Failing this test ends all educational opportunities.

Imagine girls missing a week of school every month because they don't have the supplies to manage their periods. It won't take long before the girls are so far behind in their studies that they drop out of school, ending their chance for formal education, better job opportunities and hopes of breaking the cycle of poverty.

Girls in Zambia are waiting for our assistance so they can attend school all month, even on their period. We've helped thousands of students, but there are many more waiting for our help. By 2030 we hope to make our program available to all 3,800 schools in Zambia.







10 Ways SEW POWERFUL SUPPORTS SERVICE PROJECTS

- This Service Project Starter Kit. Background information, photos, video links, contacts and a high-level project plan.
- **National and Regional Support.** Connect with experienced volunteers who can answer questions and get you started HERE.
- Free Purse Patterns. Instantly download the <u>Beginner Pattern</u> and/or the Intermediate Pattern.
- **Creative Examples.** The <u>SewPowerful.org</u> website and social media feature purses from the simple to the ornate.
- Notecard Inspirations. Crafty ideas, writing prompts, tutorials, cutting machine files help your team encourage the girls in Zambia with a heartfelt note. More info HERE.
- We Are Sew Powerful Book. Purchase in paperback, Kindle or download the free PDF version HERE.
- Sew Powerful Podcast. 99 episodes, and counting, of inspirational stories available on all the major podcast platforms or with full transcripts from our website HERE.
- **Social Media Presence.** Get the accolades your project deserves when you showcase it in our Facebook group, on IG, Pinterest or your favorite platform. Use #SewPowerfulServiceProject for instant recognition.
- **Discounted Shipping Option.** Send up to 40 pounds of your finished purses and notecards for the flat rate of \$20 through our partnership with Give Back Box. Learn more **HERE**.
- Speakers Available. We can help you kick off your project via Zoom or perhaps in-person with a local volunteer. Contact a member of our Leadership Team to get started (see page 6).



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