

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Theta Omega Chapter
AKArama Foundation Community Service Center
Global Impact Committee
6220 South Ingleside
Chicago, Illinois**

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Mrs. Elaine Smith-Singh, Program Director
Ms. Alexiaa Jordan, Chairperson
Mrs. Phyllis L. Tyler, Co-Chairperson**

The Global Impact Co-Chairperson, Member Phyllis L. Tyler has been collaborating with President Bertina Power- Stewart, Program Director Member Elaine Singh along with Member Renee Diallo, chairperson of the Quilting Scrapbook Club and Member Ebony Barney in order to begin implementation of the International Program Committees “Little Dresses for Africa” Project. We will elicit the support of other Target Chairpersons as well as Chapter Members, and Community Partners in order to meet our goal of 500 dresses. These dresses will be delivered to Boule held in Atlanta, Georgia in July 2016. We have designated days for our Sisterly Sewing Circles, which are April 16th and 23rd and May 7th, 14th, and 28th. May 28th will be designated as “Dress Completion Day”, which will be the final day for sewing and creating the garments. All dresses must be turned in on May 28th, where they will be packed and prepared for transport to Atlanta. Our vision is that Members can make dresses during their scheduled committee meetings if they desire to do so, or they may join us on the designated Sisterly Sewing Circle Days. If Members do not wish to participate in the sewing of the garments we are requesting that they donate \$20.00 minimum, which will cover the cost of two yards of fabric and trimming for one dress. Additionally we will solicit corporate donations or grants that might be used to offset some of the cost of the dresses. We have Members who are professional seamstresses and quilt makers and their skills and expertise are being requested to support others who are at various skill levels in their sewing. A schedule has been created and designated areas at the Akarama Community Center will be used as workspaces.

For those Members who wish to, they can complete their dresses at their homes or a place of their choosing.

Next Steps:

Sign up seamstresses at next chapter meeting and encourage all members to participate in the project at some level.

Each Member should make a \$20.00 contribution or a fabric donation.

Guidelines:

1. Fabric is preferably cotton or cotton blend (including solids and prints)
2. Pre-wash materials (warm water without fabric softener or detergent)
3. Fabric may consist of new fabric or pillow cases
4. Please no small attachments including buttons, zippers, or small objects that can be swallowed.

Sisterly Sew In's will be from 12-5pm at the Center. Dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 16-Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 23

Saturday, May 7

Saturday, May 14

Saturday, May 21

Saturday, May 28-Dress Completion Day: Drop off Deadline

All may participate and all skill levels welcome. Each date will include the following stations:

- Ironing
- Cutting/Placement and Pinning
- Embellishment
- Sewing

Important Notes for Participants:

- Tune up your machines prior to working
- Bring supplies willing to share on work days (label first)

- Scissors
- Irons and Boards
- Sewing Machines
- Serging Machines

Future Global Impact Program Goals:

In partnership with the United Nations and other Target Committees such as FAMILY STRENGTHENING, ASCEND, AYP, TOCS, and CONNECTIONS along with our Community Partners, the Global Impact Committee will present an Intergenerational Gathering, which will coordinate with the United Nation's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Global Impact Committee will partner with Family Strengthening and support the Summer Lunch Program for Youth.

Global Impact Committee will continue to support the programs, projects, and initiatives of Targets I, II, III, and IV.

The next Global Impact Committee meeting will be held on Saturday April 2, 2016 at the AKArama Community Center from 12pm until 2pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Phyllis L. Tyler
Global Impact Committee Co-Chairperson