



The Golden Thread

The Golden Thread is my Girl Scout Gold Award project aimed to benefit girls in Haiti. Haiti is approximately three hours from the United States by plane. That is really not far from us. However the people of Haiti live a much different life than we do. Haiti is considered to be one of the poorest countries in the world. Those most impacted are the children of Haiti. In fact many of the youngest children in Haiti never get new clothes. What is often more important to the parents of young children in Haiti is just to find enough food for them to survive. Often young children go naked! This is not an issue about modesty but more about the health hazards being naked has on children. They are vulnerable to various diseases caused by worms and parasites their naked bodies are exposed to. Poverty has also resulted in thousands of children living in orphanages in Haiti. Not because they do not have parents but because their parents cannot afford to provide adequate food, clothing, education, and access to health care. Put this all together and you can understand why so few girls get an education in Haiti. According to an article I read, the average girl in Haiti only attends school until the age of seven (7). Girls are often taken out of school to assist with household chores, work, or sex trafficking. The goal of my Gold award project is to make dresses for girls of all ages. Small dresses for those young girls who are naked and susceptible to diseases, school age girls who need adequate clothing to attend school, and older girls who require clothing to protect them from possible sexual abuse.

If you care about the lives of others and like to sew, or want to learn to sew, please consider joining together with members of your Girl Scout troop, social organization, women's group, church community, or family to participate in a sewing club to help me make the dresses. I am currently working with local fabric stores and churches to host the sewing clubs. For further information or to arrange a sewing club at your organization, please contact me at (914) 987-4804 or academyf9@gmail.com.

Thank you.

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