

My Sister's Keeper Branch Initiatives 2010-2012

I-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Gendercide/Human Trafficking

Alfred/Hornell Branch

Joyce Steiner - Youth Desk of the Christian Coalition in Ghana regarding child trafficking

Buffalo Branch

Telling Stories - Campus Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence

Human Trafficking Program

Director of the Western District of NY

Human Trafficking Task Force & Alliance

Jefferson County

Human Trafficking program in October 2010, chaired by Mary Pallamar

Mohawk Valley

Domestic Violence Presentation

Poughkeepsie

Court Watch - Domestic Violence Program attending court/ monitoring domestic proceedings

Rockland County

Collaboration with Twenty/Thirty/Forty to discuss 'Half the Sky' hosted by the Rockland Family Shelter

II-EDUCATION

Dunkirk-Fredonia

November speaker addressing educational needs of migrant workers from Nicaragua

Elmira-Corning

Supporting Natascha Yoganchandra's Fund for Women on November 8th

Islip Area

November presentation of "Women in the World" to Crucial Issues group

Presentation on Child Marriage Act & distributed postcards to urge the passage of the Child Marriage Act

November Beads for Education presentation

Ithaca

International Fellowship luncheon, welcoming international graduate students from Ithaca & Cornell

Jefferson County

Women in Global Dialogues Presentation by D. Mc Lallen (Israel) & K. Fitzgerald (Cuba) discussing their AAUW trips

Kingston

Global Conversation about lives of women worldwide with Lois Shapiro-Canter, CEO of the Saratoga Foundation for Women Worldwide -March 2011

North Shore

Support a girl from Beads for Education

Supporting One Shared World Orphaned Teen

Oneonta

Dr. Eta Davidson spoke about how women's influences contributed to her career and family development

Poughkeepsie

Individual MSK projects by branch members – Madagascar Library, The Liberia Project & Goody Goodies

Skaneateles

"Half the Sky" book discussion & decided to sponsor a woman who was a victim of war & poverty through Women for Women International

Held garage sales to insure that sponsorship would continue for an additional year & provided info about AAUW & Women for Women International

Westchester

Supported The Pencil Promise by attendees purchasing gift certificates or school supplies to support this work

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III-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

AGJ

Fair Trade Raffle Basket

Islip Area

Helping Women in Africa - Beads for Education, Advancement, Development & Success (BEADS) is committed to help women and girls in Africa in three ways: provide scholarships, support conservation through education, promote business development.

Kingston

Adoption of 3 International Charities with a donation of \$500 to each

- Kiva, a microfinance organization
- A local Haitian support group
- Samasource – an international training/education/job placement program.

Mission Based Movie – Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price

Poughkeepsie

Fair Trade Trifecta

- Fair Trade Discussion 11/23
- Fair Trade Marketplace on 12/1 with 27 different organizations promoting MSK & Fair Trade practices
- MSK Branch Meeting 12/8

IV-MATERNAL HEALTH

AGJ

Read 'The Hospital by the River' and raised money for the Fistula Foundation

Islip

Showed the film "Walk to Beautiful" discussion about 5 Ethiopian women suffering from obstetric fistula

Ithaca

Kistina Torgeson, Secretary General of Doctors without Borders, spoke on 9/15/10

V-HUMAN RIGHTS/GENDER EQUITY

Jamestown Branch

Women for Women knitting for peace

Buffalo

100th Anniversary of IWD - Focus on Haiti: Past/Present/Future

Poughkeepsie

IWD Annual Event International Women's Day March - Hudson River Walkway March 8th

Rochester

100th Anniversary of International Women's Day collaboration with community partners & colleges
-Empire College streamed this event live.

-Speakers from Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges and Brockport State University discussed "Call for Charge" post card campaign.

MSK AWARDS 2012

Congratulations to participating branches for a job well done. Special kudos go to the following branches for their outstanding MSK work.

My Sister's Keeper Role Model Award

Islip Branch

My Sister's Keeper Innovator Award

St. Lawrence County Branch

My Sister's Keeper Gem Award

Skaneateles Branch

Amsterdam-Gloversville-Johnstown

My Sister's Keeper Honorable Mention

Schenectady Branch

Westchester Branch

MSK Keeper of the Year Award

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin of the Poughkeepsie Branch

