

My Sister's Keeper

The inspiration for this ongoing program was the book Half the Sky written by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl Wu Dunn. At our January 2010 meeting our membership discussed the message of the book. We researched various suggestions enumerated in the book to benefit a woman. We selected the organization Women for Women International. We applied to sponsor a woman who was the victim of war and poverty.

We raised money to support our project by inviting members to pledge monetary support over a twelve month period. We also held a very successful garage sale in September 2010 to ensure that we would be able to continue our sponsorship for the coming year. Our membership is committed to continue our support of Women to Women in future years.

Our garage sale was supported by our members and the Ranateles Garden Club. Through advance advertising as well as the sale itself, we were able to disseminate information about AAUW and the mission of Women for Women.

The project addressed AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Sayed Parv Mohamad, the Afghan woman, we sponsored for a year will have learned the skills to support her family. We have empowered her to lift herself out of poverty and she will be a leader in her community.