

SERVICE PROJECTS

2022 - 2024

There will be two service projects during the next two years that will help our individual Grand Jurisdictions as well as the International Jurisdictions. Each service project will last for one year.



The first project will be "*Purses of Empowerment*," which will be donated to domestic violence shelters and centers in our individual communities. This first project will begin August 4, 2022 and through July 31, 2023.

Over the course of a year gently used purses will be collected by each assembly along with personal hygiene products (See list below for suggested items).

Sometime towards the end of the year, either at your Grand Session or a statewide event, please have a "Purse Packing Party" to place items collected over the year in each purse. These purses with all of these different items will go to women in need, as most women who leave domestic violence situations leave with hardly anything. You can assign a specific item for each assembly to collect throughout the year, but any donation will be used.

At North Carolina's Grand Assembly in June 2022, we had a "Purse Packing Party" and filled 355 purses! The girls enjoyed being together knowing they were helping women in need. The purses were divided equally among the assemblies and brought back to their communities where they were donated to various shelters and centers dedicated to helping women rebuild their lives.

Here's a list of suggested items:

Toothbrushes/paste
Deodorant
Feminine hygiene items
Small notepad & pen
Socks
Body wash
Shampoo
Hair ties

Band-Aids/adhesive bandages
ChapStick
Hair brush/comb
Facial wipes
Hand sanitizer
Lotion
Pocket pack tissues
Miniature Bible

Please note that all hygiene products need to be travel size so that everything will fit into the purses – hotel toiletries are perfect! All size purses are acceptable, but the purses **MUST CLOSE**. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk. Check with your lodges, OES Chapters, Amaranth Courts, and other organizations to see if they will donate items and/or monetary gifts to purchase the items.

The second service project will start August 1, 2023 and run through July 31, 2024. This is one that many Grand Jurisdictions have done in the past, but it is most important to remember our community helpers during these troubled times. As a way to honor, show appreciation for, and remember our First Responders who help each of us in so many ways, we will create and deliver "care bags" to our First Responders. It would be nice if each assembly could do this two or three times a year.

Suggested items to be placed in the "care bags," include: a bottle of water, prepackaged cookies, nabs, fruit cups with a spoon.

The Service Project Committee chair is Mrs. Anna Popilock Nall, email: apopilock@gmail.com.

At the end of each service project, each Grand Jurisdiction should send Mrs. Nall a report with the number of purses/care bags that their jurisdiction put together and delivered. A comprehensive report will then be given at Supreme Assembly 2024 highlighting all the service that our young ladies did to help others and to help their communities.

Schedule of Service Projects:

- "Purses of Empowerment" August 4, 2022 to July 31, 2023
- First Responders "Care Bags" August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024

I'm looking forward to hearing all about the outstanding service that our Rainbow Girls will be doing to help others!

