



“Council Collaboration: Empowering Girls & Women”

Strategically, the Circle of Sisterhood would be a great organization for your campus sorority community or alumnae club to support because:

- *by focusing on global issues related to girls and women, you will help make sororities **even more** relevant to faculty, administrators, and other campus officials...*
- *you will become global citizens more aware of the issues...*
- *you will become better leaders...*
- *you will become “good neighbors” beyond your campus, hometown community, and the United States.*
- *by collaborating in this meaningful and impactful way, “ugly” competition among sororities may diminish...*
- *by creating awareness about the brutality inflicted upon girls and women around the world, mean girl behavior will go away...*

Those in higher education are calling for students to graduate from college understanding Humanitarianism and Civic Engagement. It is expected that students “will have an appreciation of cultural and human differences; understand their responsibility to social justice; a global perspective; and a sense of civic responsibility.”

Creating awareness as an undergraduate or alumna about the cause the Circle of Sisterhood supports will help you and those around you achieve this standard.

Our Mission

The Circle of Sisterhood Foundation will leverage the collective wisdom and influence of sorority women to support entities around the world that remove educational barriers for girls and women, uplifting them from poverty and oppression.

Raise awareness by educating others about the oppression of women worldwide:

Women across the globe still lack basic legal rights and protections. As educated women, we must stand together to educate women around the world because...

- Human trafficking** According to UNICEF, an estimated one million children, mostly girls, enter the sex trade each year and the U.N. estimates that 4 million women and girls are trafficked annually.
- Discrimination** Two-thirds of the world's 880 million illiterate adults are women. [1]
Less than half a cent of every development dollar goes to programs specifically for girls, particularly those ages 10-14. [4]
- Poverty** "Women perform 66 percent of the world's work, produce 50 percent of the food, but earn only 10 percent of the income and own only one percent of the property." [5]
- Brutality** Violence kills and disables as many women between the ages of 15 and 44 as cancer. [3] And 50 % of sexual assaults in the world victimize girls under the age of 15. [6]
- Gendercide** According to UN statistics, there are 100 million girls missing around the world. "More girls have been killed in the last 50 years, precisely because they were girls, than men were killed in all the wars of the twentieth century. It is estimated that 60-101 million females are missing from the globe today."
- *Half the Sky*

Sources:

- [1] *Education of girls*. (2013, March 30). Retrieved from <http://www.educationforgirls.org/>
[2] Phil Borges. 2007. *Women Empowered: Inspiring Change in the Emerging World*. New York.
[3] UN Millennium Project. 2005. *Taking Action: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Women*. Task Force on Education and Gender Equality. London and Sterling, VA: Earthscan.
[4] *The world's adolescent girls*. (2013, March 30). Retrieved
[5] UNDP (United Nations Development Program)
[6] UNFPA, 2005.

Show others that education is the answer to many issues related to women:

- *Educated women overcome poverty*
- *Educated women positively impact the economy*
- *Educated women earn 25 percent more income*
- *Educated women reinvest 90% of their income back into their families*
- *Educated women have smaller, healthier families*
- *Educated women have children who are 40% more likely to live past the age of 5*
- *Educated women are three times less likely to contract HIV*
- *Educated women diminish misogyny and oppression*
- *Educated women are more likely to stand up against injustice*
- *Educated women live in less volatile, extremist cultures*



What Can We Do? Brainstorming Activity

Call a meeting of the leaders of all sorority councils on your campus and go through the worksheet together to identify what will work on your campus to raise awareness and fundraise.

“Our Go-To People”

Logical Potential Council Collaborators:

Ways we can work with our collaborators to educate others on these critical issues:

“Our Untapped or Under-utilized People Resources”

Potential Council Collaborators:

Ways we can work with our collaborators to educate others on these critical issues:

Beyond Raising Awareness • Move to Raising Money

Make it... Quick. Simple. Effective. Fun!

Ideas:

