Sewpportive Friends

A stitch of compassion goes a long way.

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Join us in our journey, as we help encourage women in rural Africa by providing them with handmade, reusable feminine products.

WITH THANKS FROM ZIMBABWE

The following is a note from Charlene Nolan, who is a native Zimbabwean. Living and working there all her life, she knows the needs of the communities. Charlene worked in tourism for 15 years before starting her own safari gear business which she recently closed due to the economic climate in Zimbabwe. She and her mother have always found ways to help surrounding villages in need with food, clothing, and basic necessities. We are proud to have Charlene as a member and advocate for Sewpportive Friends in Zimbabwe.

"Having met Julie Phippen last year and been introduced to Sewpportive Friends, I have been both humbled and inspired by the selfless dedication that the family, that calls itself Sewpportive Friends, has shown towards the uplifting of our rural ladies and very grateful young girls who have been given a new and improved lease on life.

By purchasing the fabric in Zimbabwe, when it is available, teaching ladies how to make much-needed feminine hygiene kits, Sewpportive Friends has created a ripple effect that can be felt throughout the rural communities that have been touched and will continue to be touched. Sewpportive Friends has brought back a pride in our rural girls that was lacking, thank you. By empowering women in rural Zimbabwe, Sewpportive Friends has changed lives and given hope where there was none. My mother always tells me, " teach a woman and you teach a village, empower a woman and you empower a whole generation", these words echo back to me when I think of Sewpportive Friends.

Thank you for believing in us and showing our ladies and girls that they are not forgotten or nameless faces in this challenging world we call home. Thank you for your compassion, kindness and never-ending support."

Our July trip and more....

Our July delivery of Wash-Pad kits, sewing supplies and sewing classes were welcomed with overwhelming gratitude and enthusiasm. The girls, women and schools send a grand thank you to all of YOU, our Sewpportive Friends community!

They learned quickly how to sew the feminine items. It was exciting to see how fast they can sew by hand and with perfection. Each school visit, we learned more about our new friends and their lives. Many brought beautiful artisan handcrafts; baskets, wooden bowls, animal sculptures,

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painted fabric, which our travelers were thrilled to purchase. We will be buying more of these unique handcrafts on our upcoming trip this November. The purchase of these items directly provides an income to these families, in the rural villages, and will help Sewpportive Friends continue assisting these communities. We will let you know when the beautiful items will be up for sale.



Thank you all for being so dedicated and supportive to these girls and women. Our Sewpportive Friends family is making a difference!

Thank you for your continued support.



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