

Voorhees High School

Memo

To: Susan Press
From: Ron Peterson
cc: Jeff Bender, Rich Bergacs
Date: November 6, 2017
Re: Donation of Sewing Machines

I would like to make a recommendation to allow the Voorhees High School FCCLA, (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Chapter to donate the obsolete sewing machines to the non-profit organization, Pedals for Progress/Sewing for Peace.. FCCLA will raise ten dollars per sewing machine to help with the shipping cost. These machines will be sent to an underdeveloped country to help women to create sewing centers and businesses. The sewing machines are 20 to 25 years old and have been replaced by computerized machines. There are 16 machines and their information is listed below.

Janome - 344	840137728
Janome - 344	Serial number is worn off.
Janome-344	110182889
Janome 344	840137705
Janome - 415	410093479
Janome - 344	04177676
Janome - 415	410093677
Janome - 344	840137702
Janome - 344	00192300
Janome - 415	410093473

Janome 344	010182844
Janome - 344	11012836
Janome - 344	840137700
Janome - 344	840137722
Janome - 344	110182828
Janome - 415	410093488

The Utilization of Idle Sewing Machines



Project Proposal

Transport of obsolete sewing machines to developing countries

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Description

Sewing Peace is a program of Pedals for Progress (a non-profit organization known for collecting bicycles for developing countries) that is in desperate need of old sewing machines that would be sent to developing countries to decrease high unemployment rates. The donation of Voorhees High School's obsolete sewing machines would aid in helping unemployed men and women find a viable source of income.

The Problem:

Unemployment continues to plague to developing countries due to the lack of education, poverty as well as economic hardships. Thus, uneducated people tend to become apprentices for local trades such as hairdressing, carpentry, and sewing to provide jobs for their living expenses as well as their families. However, due little or no low incomes, many are in need of the monetary funds to invest in the capital required to start their own businesses once they become masters. As a result, many spend many years with a salary that is disproportionate to their many years of experience and skills. In order to make their dreams of having their own businesses possible, many depend on the donation of organization from all across the world to donate valuable resources which aid in increasing their standard of living.

How Can We Help?

Sewing Peace, the sewing machine program of Pedals for Progress (a non-profit organization, which aims to provide “economic development aid by recycling

bicycles and sewing machines in the U.S. and shipping them to the people of the developing world.”) Pedals for Progress also has shipped and distributed sewing machines to many countries, including (in descending order): Ghana 615; El Salvador 609; Nicaragua 337; Uganda 304; Guatemala 282; Tanzania 121; Moldova 112; Georgia 82; Albania 69; Yemen 60; Honduras 46; Costa Rica 37; Dominican Republic 30; Sierra Leone 30; Kyrgyzstan 25; St. Vincent 20; Cameroon 15; Panama 14; Jamaica 6; and domestic United States 3.

Furthermore, Voorhees High School has a total of 16 sewing machines which became neglected and quiescent after they were replaced by a new batch of modern sewing machines. Fortunately, the Sewing Peace program provides a better alternative for the disposal of the idle sewing machines compared to simply discarding them.

Why Should Voorhees Help?

Voorhees High School’s donation would create more space for students in the fashion and design class and also enhance the school’s impeccable reputation since it would emphasize the schools deep commitment to both local and

international community service. Furthermore, the execution of such a project may encourage more students to join F.C.C.L.A when they see how much of an impact they could have worldwide. In addition, such a project may enable us to win awards at the annual F.C.C.L.A State Leadership Conference.

How Do We Transport Them?

Sewing for Peace requires a \$10.00 fee for the shipment of each sewing machine donated. Through F.C.C.L.A, there would be a series of bake sales and other fundraisers to raise the total amount of \$160.00 required to ship all 16 Sewing machines. Once the amount is acquired, the sewing machines would be picked up.

Sources:

<http://www.p4p.org/PDF/BrochureSP20170916.pdf>