



2016-2017 Zonta Service Projects

The service committee is responsible for choosing, organizing, and executing the club's service projects throughout the year. Although all members are encouraged to participate in our service projects, it is typically the committee members who participate in the activities. We do a few service projects throughout the year and one special holiday project in December. The time commitment varies depending on what projects we are engaging in and the level of engagement you want. Some of our projects are more monetarily based. Other projects are more time intensive for the membership. Additionally, the service committee selects the Adult Scholarship winners. There are 3 scholarships given, \$1000 each. Brochures and applications are mailed out the first of the year and selection is done in March.

Current Projects during the 2016-2017 year

Refugee Center: Lamp Lighter Holiday Project: Members were asked to bring coats and lamps/light bulbs to the holiday party. An additional 23 floor lamps and 50 packs of light bulbs were purchased and donated and will be used to help refugee families moving into new living spaces. Finally, we donated \$250 for a special fund to be used for the purchase of coats.

Utica Rescue Mission: We supplied hats, gloves, scarves and other winter accessories for 25 women who are living at the Utica Rescue Mission.

Veterans Outreach Center: Fifty feminine hygiene bags were delivered to the Veteran's Outreach Center in Utica. Items included shaving supplies, soap, deodorant, etc. These are all products that women are in need of; however these products specifically designed for women are usually not available at the Outreach Center. This was our major service project during the 2015-2016 year. We supplied over 200 bags with these needed items to the Outreach Center. We had such a good response to this project that we decided to continue with it during the 2016-2017 year.

Women's Employment Resource Center(WERC) - We provided graduates of the WERC work training programs with work preparedness gift bags to help these women transition into the workplace. The bags included planners, umbrellas, lunch totes, and travel mugs, amongst other work-related accessories. We also included a gift card to a local department store so the recipients could purchase work-related clothing. The club will support WERC graduates during the Fall and Spring semesters. Previous support of WERC has included providing them with a new computer and shredder and providing their new graduates with a reception.