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We are part of an international growing group of high school clubs who serve in unique and worldchanging ways to improve the lives of others, working for gender equality and an end to violence against women and girls worldwide.

Every year, we take part in school, community and international service projects. Some past club projects include raising awareness of human trafficking, peer mentoring and fundraising to provide microloans for women.

With these projects, Z club members get hands-on experiences in improving the lives of others at both a local and international level. While serving, these members also learn valuable leadership skills and have the opportunity to learn about varying career fields.

The Auburn Z Club is the proud 3rd place recipient of the Emma B. Colon Award in 2015, earning US \$250 for the club's service projects. To be eligible, they had to perform a minimum of three service projects in any of the following categories of service: School, Community, or International.

This year, they created a Butterfly Garden on their school grounds, in memory of Chloe Calhoun. This project was a labor of love that was near and dear to all Z-Club members because of its significance. It was a tribute to an incredible young woman whose promising <u>life was cut short</u> due to the negligence of a drunken driver.

They also hosted a Community service event called The Spring Break Olympics, a fun day during the April spring break. It was open to all elementary school-age children in the community. The club utilized the talents of each of its members to provide mini sporting events: soccer, basketball, kickball, dodge ball, whiffle ball, bean bag toss and relay races, to name a few. There were also face painting stations, & balloon animals. Z-Club partnered with Cayuga Community Health Network (Jessica Soule), who purchased special educational games meant to promote healthy eating habits in children. While having fun, children learned the importance of staying active, good sportsmanship, making new friends, etc. Activities were free for children and they were given prizes for participation. They were also given water, popcorn and snow cones for their enjoyment!

Lastly, they hosted a chicken dinner to raise funds for future service projects.

For more information about Z Clubs & Zonta International: http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/ZClubsGoldenZClubs.aspx