



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
San Bernardino Valley (CA) Chapter

International Diaper Program

**International
Trends and Services**

**2015 Western Area Conference
Sacramento, California**



International Diaper Program



Problem/Situation Addressed

- * Children die in developing countries from preventable infections
- * Substandard sanitation
- * Lack of public health education
- * Babies not diapered; cultural norms/lack of resources
- * Fecal-oral transmission in chain of infection





Program Mission

1. Provide a tool for mother's that will combat infant morbidity and mortality caused by fecal-oral transmission.
2. Develop an educational program emphasizing:
 - * Importance of diapering babies
 - * Proper utilization of t-shirt diapers
 - * Care of the diapers

Goals/Objectives

1. Develop an educational program to increase public health awareness.
2. Deliver a minimum of 15,000 diapers by December 31, 2015.
3. Biennial visits to recipient communities for evaluation

Program Mission

3. Decrease infant morbidity and mortality from fecal-oral diseases as evidenced by:
 - * Global public health officials
 - * Indigenous health professional reports
 - * Target date: December 31, 2020

4. Establish a new unique SBVC Signature Program by December 31, 2015.

Phase I: Collection – Rialto Unified School District



Keyshani Ates, left, joins other students in sorting bags of T-shirts on Thursday at Wilmer Amine Carter High School in Rialto. Led by the San Bernardino chapter of The Links Inc., Rialto students gathered more than 1,000 shirts to be sent to the African nations of Ghana and Kenya. Photos by Gabriel Luis Acosta (Staff Photographer)

Students gather shirts to go to Africa

SB charity aids in effort

RIALTO — Students at Wilmer Amine Carter High School sorted shirts on Thursday.

Working with the San Bernardino chapter of The Links Inc., students gathered more than 1,000 T-shirts at a rally.

The shirts are expected to be used in Ghana and Kenya. Some will be turned into cloth diapers, and others will be used as they are.

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Rialto Unified School District Superintendent Harold Cebun stands with members of The Links Inc. From left are Cebun, Robin McIver-Brown, Maryon Thompson, Rhea McIver, Betty Anderson, Darlene Brown and Joann Gilbert.

Phase I: Fabrication



Phase II: Delivery, Distribution, and Education





Phase III: Program Expansion to Haiti



Reusable Feminine Hygiene Kits

“Days for Girls International”

Activities

- * Community t-shirt Collection Drives
- * Fabrication of t-shirt diapers
- * Partnered with organizations for t-shirt diaper delivery
- * Education and distribution of t-shirt diapers and feminine hygiene kits

Outputs

- * Over 30,000 t-shirts collected
- * 17,500 diapers produced
- * 12,700 diapers delivered to Africa and Haiti
- * T-shirt Diaper educational program implemented
- * 200 Reusable feminine hygiene kits distributed in Haiti
- * Dental hygiene kits delivered

SBVC Community Partners

Thank You,

- Abbot Vascular, Black Business Network (Temecula, CA)
- Audra Gibbs, Student Volunteer (Woodcrest High School)
- City of Rialto, CA
- Dentists Delivering Service
- Grace Project
- H3 Mission, Inc.
- Life Church of God in Christ (Rubidoux, CA)
- Mark Twain Middle School (Los Angeles Unified School District)
- Mission Africa, Inc.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church (Highland, CA)
- Piecing Pals Quilting Club (South Bay Area, CA)
- Professional Analyzing Pap Smears
- Rialto Unified School District (Rialto, CA)
- St. Paul AME Church (San Bernardino, CA)

Countless community volunteers....

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