



Your Projects, Your Passions, Your Foundation

Who We Are

The FAWCO Foundation supports the philanthropic goals of FAWCO by administering and fundraising for programs that improve the lives of women and children worldwide. The Foundation was incorporated by FAWCO in 1967 as its philanthropic and fundraising body. The FAWCO Foundation is registered as a non-profit corporation in the U.S. State of Missouri and is registered in the U.S. as a 501 (c)(3) organization. Donations to The FAWCO Foundation are U.S. tax deductible to the full extent allowed by U.S. law.

Founded in 1931, our sister organization FAWCO is a global women's NGO, an international network of independent volunteer clubs and associations comprising 60 member clubs in 31 countries worldwide. FAWCO serves as a resource and a voice for its members; seeks to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide, especially in the areas of human rights, health, education and the environment; advocates for the rights of U.S. citizens overseas; contributes to the global community through its Task Forces. Since 1997, FAWCO has held special consultative status to the UN Economic and Social Council.



FAWCO Delegates at the 2019 Biennial Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland

What We Do

The Foundation's sole purpose is to put into action FAWCO's stated interest in the global community by specifically aiding charitable, scientific and educational programs and

supporting the rights of women and children throughout the world. For over 50 years, The Foundation has stayed true to this purpose. The Foundation supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals, aiding projects throughout the world.

The FAWCO Foundation supports three major programs:



School girls in the Mara Region of Tanzania protected from FGM.

The Target Program is a three-year program to educate, raise awareness and fundraise for a global issue that supports FAWCO’s goals to “Improve the lives of women and girls worldwide especially in the areas of human rights, health, education and environment.” The Target Project for 2019-2022 is “Health: Ensuring Healthy Lives and Promoting Well-Being to Improve the Lives of Women and Children” and aids S.A.F.E. (Safe Alternatives for FGM Elimination) in Tanzania. The previous Target project raised \$190,000 for Hope Beyond Displacement, which assisted in building better futures through education, vocational and leadership training for refugee women and girls in Jordan.

The Education Awards program recognizes and honors the academic excellence and all-around achievement of the children of FAWCO and FAUSA members as well as FAWCO and FAUSA members themselves. Education, and access to it at all levels, is a focus for The Foundation. The Awards Program currently includes awards in Arts, Humanities, Vocational Training and Science. FAWCO Foundation promotes international understanding and goodwill by giving annual awards for study, in the U.S. or abroad, at high school, undergraduate and graduate levels.



Benjamin W., a recent recipient of The Foundation’s Humanities Award, sponsored in part by AAWE Paris, is pursuing a political science degree.

The Development Grants Program financially assists projects that are passionately supported by FAWCO member organizations. Support can be “hands on”, material, or financial. Each year, any FAWCO member organization may nominate up to two of its projects for grants that can make an immediate impact on, and lead to, the long-term success of these projects. The grant recipients are determined by a vote of all of the FAWCO member clubs. The FAWCO Foundation has assisted over 163 projects and has contributed over \$605,000 from the Developments Grants Program.



“Catching The Rain”, the 2020 recipient of The Foundation’s Nurturing Our Planet DG, plants cashew trees in Maharashtra, India that will provide a second crop for cash income for 40 households.

How We Are Funded

The FAWCO Foundation receives its funding through donations from FAWCO member organization and individuals who are associated with FAWCO member organizations. We also hold one major fundraising event each year. Our financial statements as well as our US 990 disclosure forms are posted on our website: www.fawcofoundation.org

Why it Matters

The FAWCO Foundation has a personal connection with the charitable projects we support through the FAWCO member organizations. It is important to The Foundation that our programs lead to sustainable improvement for each of our projects. We are proud of the passion FAWCO organizations have for these programs.

- FAWCO member organizations raised over \$135,000 for FAWCO’s first Target project, Tabitha Cambodia-Wells for Clean Water focusing on the Environment, over \$172,000 for Free The Girls, FAWCO’s second Target project focusing on Human Rights for Women, and over \$190,000 for FAWCO’s third Target project, Hope Beyond Displacement, focusing on Education for women and children.
- Many of our Award recipients go on to be active volunteers for FAWCO and The Foundation, including Board membership.
- From 2010 to 2016, FAWCO member organizations and individual members donated over \$100,000 to fund the NEEED Scholarship Program which

provides post-secondary education to young women in Burkina Faso.

Programs needn't be massive to change the world, but it's important to know where and how best to utilize the funds. The programs that we fund each year have a much higher success rate because WE KNOW THEM.

The passion and the connection that The FAWCO Foundation has with these projects through our member organizations insures that each dollar is used solely for the purposes laid out by the projects and that, we believe, is GREAT "value for money"!