

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 almost 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:

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 current Target Program for 2016 to 2019 is "Education - Empowering Women and Girls Through Knowledge and Skills." The previous Target project, Free The Girls. assists trafficking survivors in developing countries to set up microenterprises in order to gain financial independence. \$172,000 was raised for this project to help create the infrastructure necessary to support the project in the long term.



A woman in Mozambique sells the bras she receives from Free The Girls, FAWCO's Target project for Human Rights.

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 for all children, is a focus for The Foundation. The Education Awards Program currently includes awards in Arts, Humanities, Technology and Science. The FAWCO Foundation promotes international understanding and goodwill by giving annual awards for study in the U.S. or abroad, at the high school, undergraduate and graduate levels to gifted and internationally-oriented children and adults.



Laura Brace, a recent recipient of The FAWCO Foundation's Humanities Education Award, sponsored in part by AAWE. Laura is seeking a Master's Degree in Education and hopes to make a global education accessible to all students.

The Development Grants Fund is a dynamic program that financially assists projects which are passionately supported by FAWCO member organizations. Support can be "hands on," educational or financial. Each year, any FAWCO member organizations 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 organizations. The FAWCO Foundation has assisted over 130 projects and has distributed over \$450,000 through the Developments Grants Fund Program.



Patient aided by The Fistula Foundation, a recipient of The FAWCO Foundation's "Critical Health Concerns" DG, sponsored in part by AWC Zurich

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