Who We Are
The FAWCO Foundation is the philanthropic arm of FAWCO; the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, Inc. FAWCO is an a network of independent American and international volunteer organizations representing private-sector American citizens overseas. It is a Non-Governmental Organization with special consultative status to the UN Economic and Social Council.

FAWCO’s mission is:
• To serve as a resource and channel of information among its members;
• To provide a voice for American women abroad and to support the rights of all Americans worldwide;
• To contribute actively to the global community with a specific focus on education, the natural and human environment, multicultural understanding and international goodwill

FAWCO Delegates at the 2014 Annual Conference in Brussels, Belgium

The FAWCO 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 US State of Missouri and is registered in the US as a 501 (c )(3) organization. Donations to The FAWCO Foundation are US tax deductible to the full extent allowed by US law.
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 45 years, The Foundation has stayed true to this purpose. The Foundation supports the UN’s MDGs, aiding projects throughout the world.

The FAWCO Foundation supports four 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 Campaign is “Human Rights for Women.” The project “Free The Girls” assists trafficking survivors in developing countries to set up micro-enterprises in order to gain financial independence. FAWCO’s goal is to raise $120,000 for this project. The funds raised will create the infrastructure necessary to support the project in the long term.

The Education Awards program recognizes and honors the academic excellence and all-around achievement of the children of FAWCO as well as FAWCO members themselves. Education, access to it at all levels for all children, is a focus for The Foundation. The Awards Program currently includes awards in Arts, Humanities, Technology and Science. FAWCO promotes international understanding and goodwill by giving annual awards for study, in the US or abroad, at 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 that are passionately supported by FAWCO Member Clubs. Their support can be “hands on”, educational, or fundraising. Each year, any FAWCO Member Club may submit up to two of their projects for grants from eight categories that can make an immediate impact on and lead to the long-term success of these projects. The winning project in each of the eight categories is determined by a vote of all of the FAWCO member clubs. The FAWCO Foundation has assisted over 100 projects and has contributed over $325,000 from the Developments Grants Fund Program.

The NEEED Scholarship Program for the Girls The FAWCO Foundation has partnered with The Friends of Burkina Faso and NEEED (a local non-profit organization in Northern Burkina Faso) to provide post-secondary school scholarships to young women who were part of the “Lambs Project’, which was a recipient of a FAWCO Foundation Development Grant. Money donated to The FAWCO Foundation funds full scholarships for nursing, primary school teaching or midwifery programs. Since the beginning of our partnership we have supported the post-secondary education of 25 young women.
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.

100% of all donations from FAWCO Member organizations and individual FAWCO club members go directly to the programs. Our financial statements as well as our US 990 disclosure forms are posted on our website: www.fawcofoundation.org

Unfortunately, the continuing economic crisis has had an impact on The Foundation’s core programs. FAWCO Member organizations have started to donate again because they believe in them. The Foundation is now looking for outside donations to help underwrite all or a portion of our programs.

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 Campaign, Tabitha Cambodia-Wells for Clean Water”. Funds were used to build wells for 1500 families.
- One of our Award recipients is now a very active FAWCO member and Foundation Board member.
- Since 2010, FAWCO Member organizations and individual members have donated nearly $96,000 which directly funded the NEEED Scholarship Program in Burkina Faso.

Programs needn’t be massive to change the world condition, 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 the 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”!