



*DKG Washington
Purpose-Filled Purse™
Project*

DKG Washington State Unity Project Planning Guide for Chapters

Why Do It?

There are still too many women and children on the street, homeless and scared, in domestic violent situations, or seeking refuge in shelters. From the very beginning, Delta Kappa Gamma women have always sought ways to make a difference by educating, advocating and empowering women and children.

During the 2017 Leadership Development Transition meeting on Saturday, June 10 in Auburn, WSO President Sherri Wagemann proposed a DKG Washington State Unity Project... the Purpose-Filled Purse™ project. Attendees viewed a Milwaukee news video clip which stirred the emotions of the state leadership team to participate. The goal of the state unity project is to encourage every member & chapter across Washington State to work collaboratively to help spread hope to women in need. The project will empower members to get involved.

"The Purpose-Filled Purse™ project is a program of Fresh Start Learning, Inc., a Milwaukee-based, survivor owned and directed nonprofit providing training, education, outreach and advocacy for social justice causes, including human trafficking. Fresh Start Learning's Executive Director Nancy Yarbrough fully supports the partnership with DKG Washington to make an even broader impact.

In Nancy's words, "The effort is to provide an olive branch of love to those that are still out in the trenches of human trafficking, domestic issues, or drug addiction etc. The basis of the Purpose-Filled Purse™ is to provide a loving way to initiate communication at ground level to those that have lost hope." As she sees it, "My life is a mirror that reflects the possibility of change - fresh start where new beginnings truly happen."

So, for the spirit in which our WSO supports the progress in Washington State on these same issues, the DKG Washington State unity project, in tandem with the Purpose-Filled Purse™ and approved by FSL.Inc, seems to be a perfect fit.

Consider the contribution you can and will make - not only to the women and children who will receive your gift, but also to everyone you involve in this project.

How to Get Started

Share the Why Do It? information to your chapter members. Learn more about the issues of social issues in your community - human trafficking, domestic violence, hunger and poverty etc.

Set a GOAL

1. Decide where your chapter would like to donate your purses: to shelters or agencies in your own community. Contact the shelter and ask if there are any specific requirements and the number of purses they would like to receive.
2. Once you know where you are going to be donating purses, decide how many purses you would like to create and donate. Please bring at least one purse to the DKG Spring Convention in Olympia.
3. Consider how you'd like your project to look. Use the suggested checklist, or work with your chapter members to revise the checklist up front before collecting donations.

Get the Word Out!

Be sure to share the information that DKG Washington is partnered with the Fresh Start Learning Inc. Purpose-Filled Purse™ program to make a broad impact in their community and throughout Washington State. Please ONLY USE the approved purse logo and FSL.inc4314@gmail.com on all printed information and communications.

Share your project with your social network, workplace, local businesses - even local radio stations, blogs and media can help you generate awareness and donations for your project.

Be creative - you never know who might have a closet full of purses for you!

What Kind of Items Do I Need?

Use the donation checklist for the DKG Washington Purpose-Filled Purse™ project. The checklist has all you need to know to gather up and create your purses. When collecting purses and items, the condition is very important to make sure they can be accepted at the organization/agency/shelter you have selected as the beneficiary of your project.

How to Collect Donations

There are many ways you can collect donations. If you are asking for donations, you may want to ask permission to place a collection box somewhere in your workplace, church, or local community center. You can also designate chapter team members to collect donations or act as drop off points.

How to prepare your DKG Washington Purpose-Filled Purse™

Here's where things get really fun! Have a chapter purse stuffing meeting or party. Create teams of helpers to make it easy to complete the project. Lay out all the donations into similar groups/categories. Give each team a checklist of items that are in each purse and begin stuffing!

One of the special parts of this project is enclosing a short hand-written note to the woman who will be receiving your gift. It is encouraged to do this. Send your own special message to a woman who could use kind, encouraging words and hope.



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Checklist of Items

Please fill up your "gently loved" purse, handbag or diaper bag with the following items to share with a woman in need. Be sure that all content is in its original package with all safety wrapping in place. Return your filled "DKG Washington Purpose-Filled Purse™", along with Nancy's letter and your special hand-written note to your chapter project coordinator.

Women's Bag Checklist:

- Socks
- Hair Brushes/Combs
- Body Lotion
- Body Wash/Bar of Soap
- Shampoo
- Chap Stick
- Wash Cloth
- Non-Perishable Food with Expiration Date (granola bars, snack packs etc.)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Plastic Bandages
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products (tampons)
- Tissues
- Travel-size Laundry Detergent
- Packet of Face Wipes
- Fingernail Polish
- Travel sized Manicure set
- Travel sized sewing kit
- Nancy's Letter of Hope
- Special Handwritten Note of Kindness & Encouragement

Mother's Bag Checklist:

- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Youth Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Baby barrettes
- Baby Socks
- Blanket
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers
- Baby Nail Clippers
- Baby Rattle
- Baby Diaper Rash Ointment
- Baby Formula
- Plastic Baby Bottle
- 1-2 small Children's Books
- Coloring Book/crayons
- Small toy
- Non-Perishable Food with Expiration Date (granola bars, snack packs etc.)
- Nancy's Letter of Hope
- Special Handwritten Note of Kindness & Encouragement



I wanted to reach out to you personally to let you know that I am praying for you. I know your path may not be clear right now and your heart may be heavy...it may even seem like things will never change or get better. I have good news...it can!!!

I am a survivor of domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness and human trafficking....So I've been where you are....and I am where you're headed....Stay strong and take it one day, one minute or one second at a time....I know in the end.....WE WIN!!!

Each purse has a purpose. "The effort is to provide an olive branch of love to those that are still out in the trenches of human trafficking, domestic issues, or drug addiction etc. The basis of the Purpose-Filled Purse™ is to provide a loving way to initiate communication at ground level - "My life is a mirror that reflects the possibility of change - a fresh start where new beginnings truly happen."

Please feel free to contact me.

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Please accept this special gift. I hope this purse serves a purpose to make your day or helps to improve your life in a little way.

I care about you.

Sincerely,

Approved Logo for use.



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If you have any questions regarding this outreach project please contact:

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