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QUABOAG VALLEY
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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Request for Service Funds

An object of this club and of Zonta International is to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy. The Service Committee takes action by offering financial support for local service projects that are aligned with the Zonta International goals. Requests for funding by organizations located in the Quaboag Valley area and surrounding communities will be reviewed by the Service Committee and – if they meet the criteria for our support – brought before the full membership for approval, during a regularly scheduled business meeting.

Service Funds Application *Attach up to three items that would help support your request, i.e. brochure, press release, etc.*

Name of Organization: **Tanzania Nursing Scholarship Program Inc.** Date: **10/16/17**

Address: **c/o Tony van Werkhooven, P.O. Box 182, Blandford MA 01008**

Contact person for this application: MARY KNIGHT

Amount requested: **$150**_____ Payable to: **AFSP of Western MA**

Hello Ms.Knight. My name is Linda van Werkhooven. I am President of the Tanzania Nursing Scholarship Program located in Blandford, MA. We understand the mission of Zonta is to help advance the status of women worldwide. We are a small NGO dedicated to assisting severely impoverished young women in Tanzania attain the status of Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife.The ratio of nurse to population in Tanzania is 24/100,000 in comparison to 860/100,000 in the U.S. The maternal/child mortality rate is very high. Many young women would seek a career in nursing but cannot afford the school fees. Upon graduation they make $350-$500 per month as compared to cash income for rural families of $300 per year. The cycle of poverty is not only broken for themselves but for their families. They provide assistance with school fees for siblings, purchase basic necessities for their family including medicines and health care. We see them build houses for parents. Their influence is also felt in their community where they do health care teaching. They act as very strong role models for other young women and give them hope that they too can attain a better life.

We started our program in 2007 with 2 students. We currently sponsor 40. We have had 94 graduate. We are very excited about our program and would love to share our story with you.We travel for presentations whenever asked.

Please feel free to contact me by phone: 413-848-2773 or email linvanw1@gmail.com
Our website is www.tanzanianursingstudents.org

TO BE PRESENTED AT DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

Service Committee Response:

Date received: _____ Date reviewed by committee: _____ Outcome: _____

Date reviewed by membership: _____ Outcome: _____

Action taken (check requested, hours scheduled, contact person notified, etc.)