



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
QUABOAG VALLEY

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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## Zonta Service Grants Available for 2024

Western MA ~In keeping with Zonta's more-than-100-year tradition of improving the lives of women and girls, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local non-profit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth. Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has contributed over \$150 thousand in cash and in-kind donations to local non-profits.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at [www.zontagv.org/service-grant/](http://www.zontagv.org/service-grant/) or requested by contacting [info@zontagv.org](mailto:info@zontagv.org). 2024 Grants ranging from \$100 to \$2000 will be awarded biannually, in May (4/1 deadline) and November (10/1 deadline). Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds. In reviewing completed applications the committee will give preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians (and supporters, if appropriate).

The club's efforts to raise funds for these grants included a Calendar Raffle, Golf Tournament and Poinsettia sales. Two-thirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Girls Globally and Women's Empowerment Principles.

2022-23 grant recipients included:

**Girl's Inc of the Valley** received a grant to help build new programs at their new Holyoke location.

**YWCA of Western MA** received a grant to purchase gift cards for individuals in their network to purchase essentials.

**Safe Passage** of Northampton to offset printing of a program booklet for Say Something - 8-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense.

**Food Share in Palmer** in support of stocking personal hygiene products and other items in short supply for women and girls.

**Second Time's a Charm** in Palmer received a grant toward the purchase of different-sized gowns in short supply for teens in need.

**Alianza DV Services, Inc.** (formerly Womanshelter/Companieros) in support of a fall showing of the Clothesline Project - a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

Inquiries can be directed to the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, Mary Knight – Communications Chair at [info@zontagv.org](mailto:info@zontagv.org) or 413-219-8260.

*Do you want to make the world a better place by working toward gender equality? Zonta International and our members work at the international, national and local levels to realize our vision of a world in which women's rights*

are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential, where women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and where no woman lives in fear of violence. **Join us in building a better world for women and girls.**