

## **9/14 – Equality (Gender)**

### **6th/7th grade - P4.2.3 - Participate in projects to help or inform others.**

Students will participate in a project that supports organizations which protect the rights/interests of women. Teachers can use this project as a part of a lesson on equality. This project can be used as a launching activity or as a follow up activity after students have learned about equal rights and gender. Although this project may not be used as a formal assessment, it may contribute to their level of engagement and understanding of civic responsibility.

**Time frame:** may vary based on the method and organization chosen

**Materials needed:** may vary based on the method and organization chosen

#### **Organizations to support:**

- **International**
  - [\*\*School Girls Unite\*\*](#)
    - This non profit organization seeks to promote the education of girls in rural Mali. According to schoolgirlsunite.org, only one in four Mali girls will advance to seventh grade. In order to work toward alleviating the gender inequalities, teachers/students may want to consider working with this organization. Each Mali student will be able to receive a year’s worth of education from just \$75.
- **National**
  - [\*\*Girls Who Code\*\*](#)
  - By choosing to support this non-profit organization, teachers and students say that they helped eliminate the extreme gender gap in computer science. According to Girls Who Code, they “are on track to achieve gender parity in computer science by 2027”. Teachers and students can feel that their fundraising efforts are going toward a growing effort to achieve equality, which connects to one of our country’s fundamental beliefs.
- **Local**
  - [\*\*HAVEN \(Oakland County, MI\)\*\*](#)
    - This local non profit organization provides shelter, counseling and education for victims of domestic violence. By partnering with HAVEN, local schools can focus on working with an organization that provides aid to women in need. Teachers/students may want to consider this organization to better understand the injustice many women face.

#### **Ways to fundraise:**

- Host a **can/bottle drive** in your schools and communities. Set up recycling bins around your school, and pass out fliers in your community. Students can set aside one day to collect as many cans and bottles as they can in their community.

- Another inexpensive way to fundraise is to host a **candy bar drive** in your schools and communities.
- Before school, host a **pancake breakfast** for staff, parents, and students. The profit from the sale of these pancakes will go toward the nonprofit of your choice.
- Eat and earn money for your nonprofit by partnering with a **local restaurant**. Many restaurants have fundraising programs which donate a portion of their profits in exchange for bringing in more business.
- Organize a **fun run** at your school to raise funds for a nonprofit of your choice. Before the event, students can help organize and encourage members of their community to participate. During the race, students will enjoy cheering along the runners and passing out water and snacks. Be sure to partner with your local running groups to increase participation.