

Service Commission Report

Sandra Hull, Service Commission Chair

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Do you remember the Donkey Project? The Global Solidarity Partnership began in 2002 with the Diocese of Novrongo-Bolgatanga in Ghana. The Donkey Project was to supply donkeys, along with plows and carts, to the women there to help with their farming which would otherwise be done by hand. In 2009, a self-sustaining donkey farm was begun, with an annual budget of \$20,000 a year to keep it going.

Interest in this project has gone down, and your help is needed to keep it going. In the past many parishes have sold Fair Trade chocolate with the proceeds going to this project. You may also want to consider other fair trade items by hosting a SERRV sale. Information on SERRV can be found at www.serrv.org.

For more information on the Donkey project, contact Clarence Mougín, coordinator of the Diocesan Global Solidarity Partnership at clarencemougin@charter.net or by phone at 608-850-4084. Also, see the article by Jennifer Hansen to learn how her parish successfully raises funds for the project.

To contribute to the Donkey Farm Project, send a check payable to the Diocese of Madison, Donkey Farm Project, P.O. Box 44983, Madison, WI 53744.

Caps of Love is a service project being promoted by the National Council of Catholic Women. Through this project, recycling plastic caps raises money to buy wheel chairs for disabled children.

As there are only a few places in the United States that recycle this type of plastic, all caps will be shipped to the founder of Caps of Love in Florida. More information will be forthcoming on possible shipping methods.

Get started in your parish by visiting www.nccw.org and clicking on Caps of Love under Commission Recourses at right of the page. There you will find a wonderful flyer to display. More information can also be found at capsoflove.com.

Start saving those caps today!