



What is HER?

HER is a non-profit organization that was created by two high-school students from Sidwell Friends School, Zoha Siddiqui and Hannah Ford ('19). At HER, our mission is to help underfunded girl's schools in developing countries achieve quality education by creating sustainable libraries with proper learning materials. Through book drives and fundraisers we will gain the resources necessary to build the libraries and illuminate the educational challenges girls face in developing countries. To learn more about our organization's past and current initiatives and to learn more about girls' education in developing countries, visit our website at www.her-education.org.

What is the purpose of a HER club?

Part of HER's mission is to spread awareness about the challenges that girls in developing countries face when trying to get an education. We believe that the first step in providing global education for all girls is to talk about the issue with students in the developed world, as they are the next generation of change-makers. This is where a HER club comes in-- the club will serve as an environment within a school in which students can talk about girls' education as well as brainstorm ways to get involved with solving the issue. The club will also be a way for our organization to partner with students that are interested in helping our cause, and will give these students a platform to start a brand new community service based initiative.

How do I start a club at my school?

First and foremost, contact your school Dean or Principal to find specific instructions on how you can start a student club for HER. Next, find a faculty member of your school that is willing to be your club advisor, and work with them to make your club official. Make sure that once your club is set up, you notify Zoha and Hannah by sending an email to contact.her.education@gmail.com. Please also notify us via email if you need any help or questions answered along the way.

What are the expectations for a HER club?

Because HER is actively trying to improve the standards of girls' education in the developing world, we do expect that students that are a part of the HER club will be involved as well. As well as promoting discussion, we hope that members of the HER club will help us conduct book drives and fundraisers in their school. These events should be fairly easy to plan, and will not interfere with school work or sports-- meetings during lunch and a few optional out-of-school meetings should be plenty of preparation for HER events.

How can I involve fellow students and faculty members in the club?

Spread the word! HER is a really small organization, so getting our name out would be perfect! You can also tell your friends to post about us on social media, attend HER discussion meetings, and help plan HER events. If faculty members are interested in helping, they would be perfect supervisors/co-planners for events and meetings. If students want to get even more involved, they can always be active members of the club and contact Hannah and Zoha for more ways to take part.

Why will a HER club be significant, and why should my school care?

Your school should be involved in a HER club because we truly are helping a worthy cause that not many people know a lot about. We will provide discussion opportunities, community service type opportunities, and fun ways that students and teachers can be involved in our cause. Plus, our students-for-students initiative is a creative way to get students to care about girls' education and start paying attention to social justice issues that affect children our own age, like ours.

Besides creating a club, how can I get my school involved with HER?

Your school can help us collect books through book drives and fundraise money through different school events. Some great places to fundraise for HER are at sports games (especially homecoming), book fairs, club fairs, and events that are specifically designed for fundraising. It also helps to get parents (or maybe even the entire PTA) involved in these fundraising events, and the more teachers that can help out, the better!

In terms of book drives, we are always looking for more books to put into the libraries that we build. We specifically look for books in English (and Urdu, if available) for grades 1-10. The books can be fiction, non-fiction, and textbooks.

When involving your school with HER, always remember to be as creative as possible! The more intriguing the event looks, the more people want to help out. If you are interested in involving your school with HER through book drives and fundraisers, please contact Zoha and Hannah so we can help you get started!