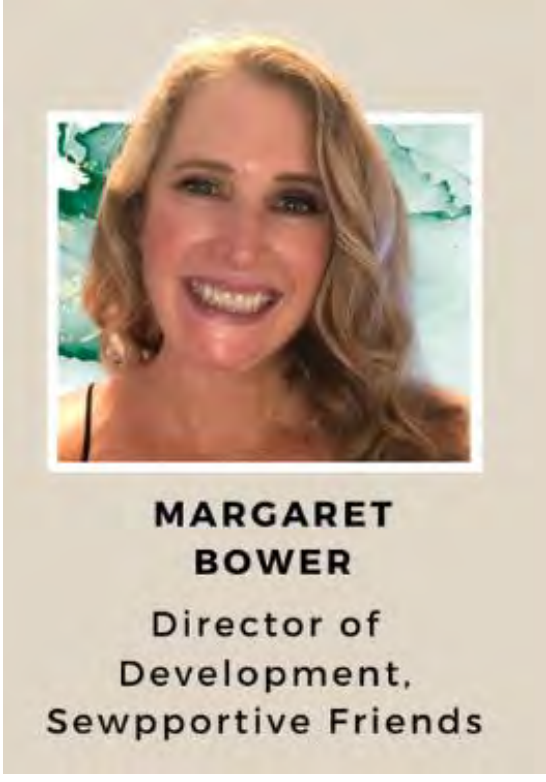


Exploring Mother Moon's Wisdom: Highlights from WFWP USA's *Empathy and Action* Webinar

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primarily in Zimbabwe, to sew their own washable, reusable menstrual pads. "I feel that giving out of the love in our hearts is really getting something ourselves...it's kind of addictive because it fuels your soul," Ms. Bower shared. On this theme she then shared some stories in which she had experienced the addictive thrill of being able to give, from just giving a smile and kindness to an older man in a store to a pregnant woman in distress and in dire need of clothing that she met on one of her trips with Sewpportive Friends to Uganda. "Whenever I come back from these trips I am exhausted beyond belief but I would do it again in a heartbeat because it really does fuel my soul."

President Moffitt then introduced one of WFWP USA's projects, the Schools of Africa, to the audience, before inviting up both speakers for a round table discussion. The discussion featured topics such as the barriers to living a lifestyle of living for the sake of others, how one can be motivated to persevere when undergoing times where it feels like they have no more to give and what advice each speaker would give to people to help steer the world in a better direction.

To watch the recording of the webinar click [HERE](#).

To learn more about Schools of Africa click [HERE](#).

On December 2, 2023, WFWP USA hosted a GWPB webinar on the topic of "Empathy and Action: The Art of Giving and Forgetting." This webinar explored the topic of giving rooted in the perspective of Mother Moon, co-founder of WFWP. The two speakers and moderator delved into how intentional giving brought joy, renewal, and purpose and the season was celebrated with stories of empathy, action, and the transformative art of giving and forgetting.

President of WFWP USA, Kaeleigh Moffitt opened the event with a summary of Mother Moon's perspective on the topic:

True love is defined as giving, forgetting and wishing to give more, or "living for the sake of others."

The nature of true love is circular and infinite. The more we practice it the more we are filled with it ourselves.

True love involves selflessness and sacrifice.

First to share was Ms. Ethel Luzario, a realtor by trade who has found fulfillment in international philanthropy work and is the co-founder of The 3000 Club, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which focuses on food rescue, disaster relief and recycling initiatives. Ms. Luzario shared with the audience the story of her transformation, from working in the halls of the United Nations to taking a leap of faith, moving to Arizona and beginning to serve on the grassroots level. "It was only through moving to Arizona that I actually found my true purpose...and also through the 3000 Club's Market on the Move that [God] had given me my dream ministry." She also shared that there are times where selfless giving may not come naturally, to which she advised the audience to just start immersing oneself in the environment of their community. "When you open up, the world will open up also."

Next was Ms. Margaret Bower, the Director of Development for Sewpportive Friends, an organization that teaches women in remote villages,



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"When we give and forget, true love flourishes." - Mother Moon, Founder of WFWP



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