



SEW4SERVICE

PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

as of May 2025

SEW4SERVICE PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDS

We have listed our programs that need funding support. Some funding sources require cash matching funds, while others accept in-kind support. Please contact us if you would like to contribute or have questions about our programs and funding needs.

Mission Statement:

Sew4Service is a service-minded community dedicated to creating positive change by enriching lives and protecting the environment through the practice and preservation of textile arts.

Sew4Service is a community of creative people who sew, quilt, crochet, and knit. We accept donations of supplies and equipment in order to upcycle fabric and yarn into handmade items, which are in turn donated to local charities. We teach people new skills to empower them to be confident creators and to touch the lives of people and pets in their community. We promote sustainable sewing through our upcycling, recycling and environmental impact programs.

Sew4Service is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



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CHARITY KIT ASSEMBLY CHARITY SEWING DAYS DELIVERY OF FINISHED ITEMS



Sew4Service accepts donations of fabric, yarn, sewing supplies and finished handmade items. We use some of the donated supplies to make kits available to volunteers to take home and complete the finished item. Finished items are brought back to Sew4Service for delivery to local agencies in need of these items. Space is needed to sort and store donated items as well as space for volunteers to cut fabric and assemble charity kits. Examples of charity kits include: quilts, pillowcases, market bags, dress-up capes, fidget quilts, crocheted-edge fleece blankets, baby items, pet blankets, and soap sacks.

Many social services agencies, hospitals, nursing homes and homeless shelters request handmade items like quilts, crocheted and knitted blankets, tote bags, pillowcases, baby items, pet blankets in order to provide comfort and support for their clients. These handmade items provide a tangible expression of love and peace for those receiving these items during difficult times in their lives. Cutting, assembling, and providing the charity kits for volunteers to make handmade items at home extends the volunteer base from which we receive donated finished items. Some volunteers want to help others through their sewing talents, but need assistance cutting the fabric. This is also a good way to use donated fabrics, upcycling them as they are diverted from a landfill.

Budget

For one 4-hr session

Space Rental: \$50

Staff to Supervise: \$200

Consumables and Administrative Time: \$25

Total: \$275

2 sessions per week in 3 locations = 6 sessions x 50 weeks = 300 sessions

Total Cost: \$82,500

In-Kind Volunteer Time: 5 - 25 hrs per session

Up to 7,500 Volunteer Hours at \$30/hr = \$225,000

Current Support:

Ohio Arts Council



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SEWING AND CROCHETING OPEN STUDIO



Sewing and Crocheting Open Studio is a maker space that provides access to supplies and support for those working on personal sewing or crocheting projects. Each Open Studio is staffed by an experienced sewing and crocheting coach who can work one-on-one with attendees to offer advice and provide technical support when using the sewing machines or supplies.

People of all ages can enjoy engaging in creative pursuits such as sewing and crocheting, but there can be barriers that prevent them from fully participating in these activities. Owning, storing, and maintaining sewing machines can be too expensive for many. Our Open Studio space removes these barriers by providing access not only to machines but to highly experienced coaches who can assist with sewing/crochet projects. This mentorship is often essential for anyone who is eager to learn new skills or techniques. By providing these resources, our Open Studios enable participants to grow their skills, engage in problem solving activities, and build confidence in their creative endeavors.

For one 4-hour open studio session:

Space Rental: \$50

Sewing Coach Fee: \$200

Supplies / Maintenance: \$50

Total Cost for one session: \$300

Up to 10 sessions each month, for 12 months: \$36,000

Supporters:

Malachi Center

Alliance Commons

Fox Valley Foundation



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LIBRARY CLASSES



Sew4Service Teachers offer a variety of classes that can be taught as part of library programming. We provide beginner classes such as Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine, Learn to Crochet, Learn to Knit as well as intermediate level classes like Amigurumi Crochet, Slow Stitching, and Sew a Pillowcase. These classes usually fill up the day they are listed on the library website.

In order to make these classes more accessible to libraries with limited budgets, we are seeking grant support to cover the cost of these classes. Libraries usually do not charge their patrons to attend their programming and so are limited as to how many and which programs they can bring to their branches, based on their programming budget. By receiving grant support for these sewing and crocheting classes, libraries can stretch their budget to include more programming for their patrons.

Budget:

Average class length: 2hrs

Teacher cost per class: \$100

Material cost per class: \$50

Average of one class per week: 50 classes per year

Total Program Cost: \$7,500

Supporters:

Cuyahoga County Public Libraries



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SEWING CLASSES FOR KIDS



Sew4Service collaborates with community centers and schools to offer sewing programs for kids and families. Sometimes we offer a short term program with a specific goal, and other times we meet weekly with groups to build sewing skills over time. Projects include kid friendly instructions and fabrics, and can be finished in a short amount of time. Our sewing classes focus on fundamental skills while completing a project to take home. Practical projects include a pillow, pillowcase, tote bag, drawstring bag, small pouch, book mark, gift card, journal cover, small quilt, fleece poncho, and more. We include hand sewing as well as machine sewing in our projects. We provide all the materials needed for the program including fabric and sewing machines.

Sewing, whether by hand or with a sewing machine, is a valuable skill for practical mending purposes, but also for a creative outlet which is important for overall health. Sewing skills are a very important life long skill, something that is not always included in the school curriculum, and so these sewing programs fill that gap. Schools and community centers do not always have the physical resources or experienced teachers to provide sewing programs, so grant support for this program ensures that kids have access to sewing machines and experienced teachers to develop their sewing skills.

Budget:

Teacher cost per 2-hr class: \$100

Material cost per project/class: \$50

Average 2 classes per week for 50 weeks: \$15,000

Supporters:

Malachi Center

Fox Valley Foundation

Ferguson Foundation



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