

Request from Project Dinah/UNC-CH to AAUW-NC for grant

What is Project Dinah?

Project Dinah (projectdinah.web.unc.edu) is a student organization at UNC-Chapel Hill devoted to safety and empowerment. Their mission is to prevent and end all interpersonal violence (stalking, relationship abuse, and sexual violence) on campus and in our community.

The Project Dinah organization strives to combat the trends and culture that facilitate violence, to eradicate elements of shame, blame, and silence surrounding sexual assault and interpersonal violence, and to create supportive environments at Carolina for survivors to be heard, helped, and empowered.

They offer a variety of resources for survivors and allies of interpersonal violence and host numerous events and programs to spread awareness and understanding on our campus.

Their ultimate vision is a world in which every relationship is free of fear and force.

History of Project Dinah

It was started by NC Hillel but is no longer affiliated with Hillel in order to be more inclusive. It is named after the heroine of *The Red Tent*, a novel by Anita Diamant. Dinah (pronounced deenah) is a minor figure in the Bible.

Amount requested: \$300

How will the grant be used?

The program on campus will take place from April 6 through April 10, 2015. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The purpose of the program is to educate the campus about sexual assault and interpersonal violence through a tee-shirt campaign, educational component, and benefit concert for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

Tee-shirts— From April 6 through 10, volunteers from Project Dinah will hand out teal tee-shirts in the pit. On the back is a pledge for students to sign, "I pledge to take a stand against interpersonal violence in order to begin the real practice of equality and freedom." By asking everyone to sign the pledge and wear the t-shirts on the same day (usually Thursday or Friday), Project Dinah creates a visual representation on campus of the student and staff's dedication to supporting survivors and ending sexual assault in our community."

Last year, they gave out 2400 tee-shirts; this year, they hope to give out 2500. The tee-shirts run about \$9000-\$10,000. They are looking for sources to fund this effort, and they hope that AAUW-NC can help them in any way possible.

Educational Component --Prior to getting a shirt, students will have to take an educational on-line quiz (developed in partnership with *One Act* through campus health) which will also gather data.

Benefit Concert--On the last day, April 10, they will hold a benefit concert for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. In the past, proceeds from the concert have ranged from \$200 to \$2000.

Members of Project Dinah volunteer at the *Orange County Rape Center* and the Compass Center for Women and Families. They also can serve as interns.

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