

SIU Sustainability Council Project
Final Report

Project title: Saluki Shoe Care Station
Project I.D. #: 155P106
Award date: 22 April 2015
Completion date: 22 April 2016 Ongoing
Funds used (if different from award amount): See Attached

Brief write up of project/project experience (not to exceed 250 words):

We have built a shoe care station that can be rolled to locations, secured supplies, set up and used a shoes sewing machine. We have had workshops making barefoot sandals both Fall and Spring semester 2015 and 2016. We have repaired several shoes using glue and the sewing machine. The Shoe Care Station has been used in two events this semester since and three more are planned around Career Fairs and graduation. These events will be an ongoing activity powered by community service hours as well as the other repairs and workshops. We struggle a bit at first with our sewing machine set-up but with two volunteer in particular worked through and managed to trouble shoot the problems. The enthusiasm has been nice for this project. The shoe care station has met the needs of both patrons and volunteers providing game on shoes for career day and much needed volunteer hours. Several athletes have also require some shoe repair after new shoes had problems.

Best things learned/produced from project: The individuals who participated in the events seemed to all take pride in their shoes, weather they were shining them, or making them they felt a sense of some satisfaction from their individual efforts. The Barefoot Shoe Workshop participants gained a sense of self-sufficiency, The shoe shine participants had that feeling you get when you have saved something. Smug? The sorority that ran the shoe shine station felt they were giving meaningful service and were enthusiastic about repeating the event. Students with skills were more than willing to share their knowledge with those who did not know how to.

How do you define sustainability? Sustainability is defined as the ability to manage the resource and knowledge base such that the average quality of life that we ensure ourselves can potentially be shared by all future generations.

Has this changed over the course of your project? If so, how? As I participate in more of these Green Fund projects I see potential for great changes in attitude. Volunteer stake pride in their work in the absents for pay. New ideas emerge. New campus populations can be included. Habits and patterns can be changed.

What do you see as the next step for the project? We will definitely be planning more workshops based around the sewing machine. This summer we have a recycled rubber tire sandal workshop. Eventually we would like to be able to make fully enclosed shoes by fall 2016 or spring 2017.

Optional: Do you have any suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund award process? Green Fund recipients could gather for power point presentations after projects are completed to help build like-minded people.

Also the finish date is a question. For many projects that are ongoing This can be confusing.

Attach a minimum of five images – these will be used to promote interest in Sustainability Council projects. These can be photographs of the progress of the project, the completed project, or promotional materials.