



**ANNOUNCING AN EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIPS (DAP) PROJECT
ASSISTING THE REMOTE INDIGENOUS VILLAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL
HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM IN AISHALTON, GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA,
DEEP IN THE AMAZON SAVANNAH**

After more than a year and a half of Covid-19 mandating our attention, the Disaster Assistance Partnerships DAP (a Council Committee of the IFHE, International Federation for Home Economics) and the IHES (International Home Economics Services) are INITIATING a new project together in support of the Aishalton Secondary School Home Economics program in the Rupununi Region 9 in Guyana, South America. This is an indigenous community deep within the Amazon Savannah.

The Home Economics program was started twelve years ago with the hiring of Ms. Vickey Smith, who has developed the program from scratch, using borrowed equipment, donated resources locally and mostly held outside under a thatched roof. Demonstrating success, space inside the school was added recently but could not be furnished for lack of funds. DAP was asked to assist through our DAP Caribbean Advisor, Audrey Drayton, and it was also brought to the attention of IHES, and together, they decided to launch the project. IHES agreed to fund Phase 1, and has sent funds to the Guyana Ministry of Education Home Economics Officer to purchase some of the designated large equipment that can be purchased in Georgetown. (2 gas stoves, 6 sewing machines, a generator, etc.) The Ministry will deliver all things we supply to the school which is a major contribution since the village is so remote.

We invite you as a PARTNER or friend to PARTICIPATE in the new AISHALTON GUYANA HOME ECONOMICS PROJECT. We are beginning Phase 2 with a request for donations from our supporters. The immediate need is for funds to both purchase items in Guyana and ship supplies on hand in our DAP warehouse in Elkin, Arkansas by Mary Warnock, IHES President. We are not CURRENTLY collecting items to send but we may be in a later phase, UNLESS you have fabrics and sewing supplies, teaching materials, and you can get to our warehouse (as in delivering them somehow. If so, contact: mwarnock@uark.edu for directions). We will have DAP Sales Tables next summer at AAFCS and at the IFHE World Congress, so remember to make or 'discover' items to bring for the sales to raise money for the project, as done before.

The Treasurer of DAP Partner, IFHE-US, is designated to receive donations for the Guyana Project. Send donations to: Luann Boyer, Finance Director, IFHE-US, 22500 Co. Rd. 21, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701-9337. E-mail: luann.boyer@colostate.edu for other options.).

PARTNERSHIPS (DAP) is an organization that takes action to assist home economics programs in developing countries. Home Economics professionals from around the world are the core but anyone or any group can help where help is needed! TOGETHER WE HAVE SO MUCH WE CAN SHARE TO HELP OTHERS SURVIVE AND THRIVE THROUGH HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION,

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