

Funds for Change Microgrant
\$2500 - Advocacy/Community Engagement
Member Success Highlight: Sylvia's Sisters

Sylvia's Sisters used Funds For Change Grant funds to host three period kit-packing parties to engage their growing volunteer base and stock their storage unit period kits.

Across three kit-packing parties, a total of 272 attendees participated. From these attendees, 225 volunteers were recruited to assist in packing period kits. A total of 179 email addresses were collected for future communication and engagement. Remarkably, a combined total of 5,169 period kits were packed, demonstrating a significant contribution to menstrual hygiene support. Additionally, the events collectively raised \$697.50 in monetary donations, further bolstering the organization's resources. Moreover, a total of 2,035 period product donations were collected, further enhancing the impact of these community-driven initiatives.

The period kits packed at these parties helped fulfill product requests from school-based partners serving the Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield, and Prince George school districts and community partners, including the Free Clinic of Powhatan, the Health Brigade medical clinic, and Belmont Community Resource Services. Additionally, these kit-packing parties energized the staff and the volunteer base and increased community engagement.

The third kit-packing party helped cement a new partnership with the [Hanover NAACP](#). The alliance with the Hanover NAACP will strengthen the organization by providing additional volunteers and resources; they can provide guidance that helps Sylvia's Sisters support Black menstruators who are disproportionately affected by period poverty.



"Thank you for providing the funding that made these three kit-packing parties possible!" Erika Bedwell, Sylvia's Sisters