

INTRODUCTION

- Communities in the Midwest and those in various global settings share in economic disparities and lack of services.
- The purpose of **Tau Iota Chapter's Related Best Practice Action** was to provide chapter activities and leadership involvement to these communities.
- In an effort to respond to the President's Call to Action - Collaborate, Connect, and Catalyze.

GOALS

- To connect students and members to motivate engagement in a community outreach.
- To develop opportunities to collaborate on a startup project related to a global initiative.

Figure 1. Nurse2Peru and Growing Trees

Dr. Kathy Thimsen and Dr. Tamara Otey



OUTCOMES

- Founded the Global Initiative Workgroup to discuss global health opportunities for Tau Iota Members and students.
- Tau Iota collaborated with Kingdom House to donate and wrap gifts for the Christmas Shop.
- Developed a partnership with Nurses2Peru and Growing Trees International to support global projects such as Days for Girls.



Figure 2a. Kingdom House

Vice President, Barb Whitaker with Goldfarb students with donated gifts for wrapping day.

Figure 2b. Kingdom House

Vice President, Barb Whitaker, Drs. Flesher and Thimsen volunteering their time to wrap donated gifts.



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IMPLICATIONS

- **Tau Iota in Action** will advance the visibility of Sigma to provide evidence-based nursing and collaboration for future research initiatives.
- Foster leadership and membership engagement to enhance global initiatives in nursing.
- Provide education for members and nursing students on the importance of nursing outreach to regional and global communities is vital.

Figure 3a. Days for Girls

Sarah Bundren in Peru teaching the Days for Girls program.



Figure 3b. Days for Girls

Dr. Otey providing menstrual hygiene products to girls and women in Africa.

