

SEWING FOR GOOD

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Academy, Wilton

2020-2021
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$700
Project Cost=\$700



36 Students Impacted
Grades 5-8

PURPOSE: To teach students to hand sew and use sewing machines and thus equip students with creative ways by which they can reduce waste, especially of plastic and paper. This grant helped provide a creative and vocational opportunity to students in the school's Makerspace.

IMPACT: The purchase of an embroidery sewing machine, 2 regular sewing machines and sewing supplies enabled students to make napkins, pouches and embroidery patches. Though the initial goal was the benefit for the environment, the COVID situation gave us an opportunity to expand our impact to the community. For example, middle school students sewed pre-cut pieces of felt to make pouches for rosaries which were sent to the Chaplain Corps at the Pentagon for distribution.

FUTURE PLANS: Middle school students will continue to benefit from learning sewing skills and will be encouraged to practice basic sewing techniques in their everyday life. They will also be encouraged to consider a career in Fashion Design or other careers that may require these skills.

