



APS of SWFL awarded grant from the Community Trust Fund of the League Club

The Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL, a nonprofit organization aimed at ending period poverty in Southwest Florida, received a \$18,144 grant from the Community Trust Fund of the League Club. The grant will be used to purchase more than 180,000 pads, which will provide a three-month supply of period products to more than 2,500 women in Southwest Florida.

The Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL is the only organization in the region consistently providing period products to women and girls in Collier and Lee counties. Since it was founded in 2019, the organization has distributed more than 767,000 pads to women and girls in need.

One in four women struggled to buy period products within the past year because of a lack of income. The inability to access period supplies can force women to use rags, socks or

paper products, which can lead to infection and create emotional anxiety.

The price of period products force women to choose between basic necessities, and food comes first. Furthermore, state and federal safety net programs, including food stamps or SNAP, can't be used to purchase period supplies.

Through partnerships with agencies throughout Collier and Lee counties, APS of SWFL distributes period supplies at 150 locations and serves about 5,000 financially challenged women and girls with an annual year's supply of period products.

For more information about the Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL or to learn how you can help ensure a period remains the end of a sentence, not a woman's ability to work or a girl's education, **visit www.apsofswfl.org**.