

Scents For Charity-The Express April 2004

CHARITY queens in the making, Laura Bainbridge and Leah Spence are taking on the mammoth task of making 10, 000 lavender bags to raise money for disadvantaged and underprivileged girls.

The lavender bags will raise funds for Sister 2 Sister, a mentoring program run by Life Changing Experiences Foundation.

The Picnic Point High School students, both 15, became involved in the project through their former school teacher and organisation founder Jessica Brown.

Ms Brown said Sister 2 Sister aimed to assist teenage girls, 13 to 18, break the cycle of abuse and destitution and to give them the same opportunities as more fortunate teenagers.

“A core component of the project is self esteem,” she said.
“With high self esteem students are more capable of dealing with life’s obstacles and reaching their full potential.

Laura and Leah managed to make 2500 bags in just five days and say Student Council representatives will sell them at schools everywhere, as well as to family and friends. They hope to raise \$20,000 which will go towards the cost of running the mentoring program.

Ms Brown called on the community to support the program by either making or selling lavender bags.

She said the community could nominate a needy teenager to take part in the program and there were also opportunities for volunteer mentors.

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