



Lydia Project

Basic Sewing for Economics

The Lydia Project, is a ten-week, on-going community outreach program designed to teach women of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures, basic sewing skills that will promote self-sufficiency and improve economic increase of their households. This ministry specifically recruits single moms with a desire to elevate their economic status, but all women with a desire to learn are welcome.

The Lydia Project was inspired by Lydia of Thyatira (Acts 16:13-15) who was a businesswoman that made purple cloth and sold her goods for great profit.

The Lydia Project is a self-supported community outreach program of Colorado Community Church. We welcome monetary donations, sewing tools, and new sewing machines. We are always in need of students, volunteers, instructors, and teaching assistants.

About the founder, Shelia Johnson



The Lydia Project was the inspiration of our founder, Sheila Johnson. For many years, she dreamed of creating a sewing ministry rooted in community and inspired by the biblical teachings of Lydia.

In 2017, that dream became reality. During a meeting with a clergy member, she was unexpectedly asked to lead a sewing group at the church. What makes this moment so special is that she had never shared this dream with anyone. Yet there it was — the very vision she had carried in her heart — placed gently into her hands.

It was not coincidence. It was divine alignment. It was Sheila — believing, visualizing, and trusting that when you show up in faith, beautiful things unfold.

Since its beginning, The Lydia Project has graduated more than 120 women, each one a testament to Sheila's vision. In 2025, that vision expanded beyond our community and became an international ministry.

Today, we are traveling to Belize, sharing the message that when women lift one another up, lives change — and that is the kind of change the world is longing for.

Sheila Johnson's legacy lives on in the countless women whose lives have been changed through The Lydia Project. We were blessed to call her our leader, and we carry her vision forward with grateful hearts — missing her every day, but inspired always by the light she left behind.