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ACTIVITY 3B

CONNECT/ TAKE ACTION

- Promote cooperation and team building
- Feel connected to their communities
- Be resourceful problem solvers

These activities may take several meetings to complete (depending on the details of the project). Girls may choose a project that can be carried out in one day, like an event or workshop, or the project may be about making a long-term commitment of a week or month or more. Also, the execution of the action plan does not have to immediately follow the planning meeting but can take place during the school day or at the end of the school year.

Regardless of the length of the project, remember that engaging girls in getting to the roots of issues and mobilizing others will help them understand what it takes to create lasting change in their world. Do not worry about the "size" of the project. Focus instead on what girls can learn by exploring how they can make an impact.

Activity Objective: Girls carry out their action plan.

Toward Leadership Outcomes:

Through this activity, girls will:

- ✓ Promote cooperation and team building—Girls can build effective teams, learn to be accountable for their shared goals, and show recognition for others' accomplishments and contributions. **(Connect)**
- ✓ Feel connected to their communities—Girls feel that they are part of a larger community and recognize the importance of building diverse, supportive, social networks for their personal and leadership development. **(Connect)**
- ✓ Be resourceful problem solvers—Girls can use their knowledge and skills to set up and implement creative and effective "action plans," locate tools and resources they need, and know when, where, and how to enlist help from others. **(Take Action)**

Experience Overview:

2 minutes	*Introduction (Talking Points)*
45 minutes	*Here We Go!*
10 minutes	*Reflection/Discussion*

Prepare Ahead:

- ✓ Read over the entire activity before meeting with girls.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

» Introduction (Talking Points) (2 minutes)

- ✓ Say something like this: "Let's go! Together, we can make a change!"

» Here We Go! (45 minutes)

- ✓ Girls are organizing and planning their Take Action project. As much as possible, stand back and let girls do their thing!

» Reflection/Discussion (5-10 minutes)

Ask girls:

- ✓ "How are you doing? Are there any problems? How can you solve them?"
- ✓ "Are you on schedule? Do you need to revisit your timeline?"
- ✓ "How are you doing working together as a group?"