

**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S  
MINISTRIES NEW YORK STATE**

**2017-2018 Special Mission Project**

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Stitch by Stitch***

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\$10,000**

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