

# **REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE**

**Toiletry Closet, HIV Basic Training, and Toiletry Drive** 

## **Teen Support, Training, Toiletry Drive**

#### West Catholic Preparatory High School Toiletry Closet

Our founder, Sakinah Love visited West Catholic Preparatory High School on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to introduce the toiletry closet and speak to 75+ girls about the signs, risks, and barriers of human trafficking. During this time, many of them opened about encounters with perpetrators online and were open to learning ways to keep themselves safe. The toiletry closet is officially open and ongoing donations are being accepted. We are looking for menstrual supplies, tampons and/or pads, bar soap, etc. For additional information, please contact Dawn at redeemedforacause@gmail.com.

#### **HIV Basic Training**

Redeemed For A Cause partnered with Philadelphia Department of Public Health for a HIV Basic Virtual Presentation on Saturday, October 24th. Here are some highlights from the training:

- 5 bodily fluids that transmit HIV are blood, vaginal fluid, semen/pre-cum, breast milk, and rectal fluid.
- 3 ways of transmission of HIV are sharing of needle, condomless sex, and mother to child vertical transmission
- There are 2.84% black males, 2.32% Hispanic males, and 1.39% females living with HIV in Philadelphia.
- **PrEP** (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is used to block HIV infection. PrEP medications are **Truvada** and **Descovy**.
- PeP (post exposure prophylaxis) where an individual must start the medication within 72 hours after possible exposure. Healthcare workers who may have been exposed can use oPeP (occupational post exposure prophylaxis). PeP medications are Truvada, Raltegravir, and Emtricitabine.



Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.

#### **Toiletry Drive**

Redeemed For A Cause hosted a toiletry drive on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at our South Philadelphia drop-in center located at 730-732 West Moyamensing Drive, Philadelphia, PA, 19148. During the drive we received toiletry donations and was able to donate these items to the toiletry closets at West Catholic Preparatory High School and Roxborough High School as well as the programs Sisterhood4Life and My Life My Choice. Also, we served 30+ individuals and families in the South Philadelphia community by providing them with toiletry items, clothes, masks, etc. Redeemed For A Cause would like to thank those who supported this cause. A special thank you to the District Attorney's office who came out to support and assist those in the South Philadelphia community.



Friendsgiving!

Join us! 730-732 W. Moyamensing Ave 5102 Westminister Ave

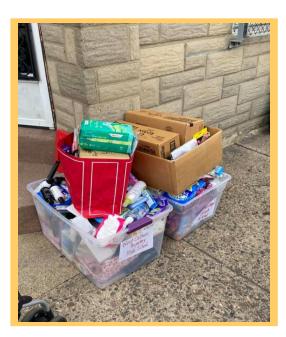
We are asking for yams, chicken roasters, stuffing, paper goods, etc. We are accepting donations up until November 20<sup>th</sup> and for more information on how to get involved with volunteering and cooking for the event, please contact Dawn at <u>redeemedforacause@gmail.com</u> and/or

www.redeemedforacause.org to

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888







\* Redeemed For A Cause will be partnering with Philadelphia Department of Public Health for a future training session where our team and volunteers will be trained on how to administer take-home HIV tests which will be distributed to the women who participate in our program as well as those in the community. Also, Redeemed For A Cause is hosting a Meet & Greet Volunteer Information Session on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> where individuals will learn more about the organization and how you could serve us for the holiday season. If you are interested in participating in the volunteer session, please email <u>redeemedforacause@gmail.com</u>. \*

### **IN PENNSLYVANIA**

There were **275 human trafficking** cases reported in 2019.

>>> 213 involved sex trafficking

>>> 26 involved labor trafficking

>>> 61 involved minors

>>> 131 involved adults

## **GET INVOLVED**

At **Redeemed for a Cause**, well-being is at the forefront of what we're **working together** towards. Our programs and activities are designed to be a **catalyst** that helps community members reach their goals and **fulfill their potential**. Learn more about the impact we have and join us in bringing about **positive change**.

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NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS. Margaret Mead

### **IN OUR NEXT ISSUE**

Highlights from our Friendsgiving event!







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