

REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE

A MONTH OF MAKING CONNECTIONS AND SPREADING LOVE



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Intern Corner..

Testimonials from “All Worthy of Love” event

“I really enjoyed the “All Worthy of Love” event because people were not expecting to receive free chocolates, flowers, board games, and care bags. Every car that stopped to receive gift from us were so thankful and the love they showed us all. People could not stop smiling and saying thank you, thank you with huge smiles on their faces. I think that what stood out to me the most was from our leader Mrs. Love. She knew the police officers by name, rank, etc. That right there, just shows how much Mrs. Love cares for the police and community. I’ve been learning so much and I really can’t thank you enough for allowing me to experience that, for being part of this movement” `Ciara H.

“As an intern for RFAC I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the outreach event “All Worthy of Love”. Being able to interact with people in the community and provide them with not only items of necessity but with roses, chocolates, and messages of love was such a gratifying experience! I really enjoyed interacting with people and reminding them that no matter their circumstance or past experiences, there are people who care about them and want them to feel worthy of the love they deserve.” `Katie B.

“After volunteering at all “All Worthy of Love” event, I got to see the kind of difference Redeemed For A Cause is making in their community. Seeing individuals’ faces light up as we handed out roses and chocolates was heart-warming, and as we sent them love through these items, they sent their love right back with words of appreciation and kindness. The magnitude of the event is difficult to describe and wonderful to experience. I have no doubt it will grow and spread more love throughout the years.” `Sophia V.

ALL WORTHY OF LOVE

February was all about **showing love and appreciation** for our community and the individuals in it. We held our 4th annual “**All Worthy of Love**” Valentine’s Day event on February 13th and we were able to give out **350 roses, 450 boxes of chocolate, and 50 teddy bears!**

These goodies were distributed throughout the city and surrounding areas to the **women and girls we usually serve, as well as homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, at-risk youth centers, police officers, sober living homes, and many ordinary people who others wanted to spread some love to in this difficult time.**

The event was a tremendous success, and we had many participants and recipients. **We look forward to future events and chances to spread love!**



A PROMOTION OF SELF HEALING

Our goal is to help women and girls find their intrinsic worth and discover their true potential. On February 11th, we hosted a virtual event entitled “**Woman Health Thyself**”, with partners **Niema Golphin** and **Amanda Paul** to discuss what it takes for a woman to heal.

Along with our founder **Sakinah Love**, these ladies spoke on of **holistic healing** including **trauma work, inner-child healing, meditation practice and benefits, self-care and self-love, shadow-work, and forgiveness.**

CONTINUING TO EDUCATE

On February 9th, Redeemed For A Cause Outreach held a training for the Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney’s office (ADA). Our founder Sakinah Love presented a PowerPoint that contained information regarding the **Intersection of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence**. Due to the positive feedback from PowerPoint presentation, the ADAs now feel like they can tackle the human trafficking cases.

On February 5th and February 26th, Redeemed For A Cause Outreach held a 2-part **Human Trafficking 101 virtual training** with **Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School** where we educated the school administration about **the risks, barriers, and signs of human trafficking**. Also, we opened a toiletry closet at **Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School** where the students will have access to **basic hygiene needs**.

We greatly **value these partnerships within our community**. We always leap on the change to help **educate others, including those in law enforcement, on the hidden crime that is human trafficking and help dispel any misconceptions**. These events received great feedback and we hope to hold more in the future, as the advocacy never stops!

**NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE
1-888-373-7888**

TOILETRY DRIVE

Redeemed for a Cause is hosting an ongoing **critical** toiletry drive to address needs created by the pandemic. **CoVid-19** has **worsened sex trafficking** in **Philadelphia**, in particular **child sex trafficking**, and our **women and girls** are in need of:

- underwear
- tank tops
- socks
- disposable washcloths
- deodorant (travel size)
- hand sanitizer (travel size)
- make-up pouches
- ziploc bags
- tampons
- pads
- lotion (travel size)
- combs
- brushes
- toothbrush/toothpaste (travel size)
- shampoo (travel size)
- conditioner (travel size)
- razor
- bars of soap
- make-up

Drop off toiletries at our drop-in center, **730 - 732 W Moyamensing Avenue**, between **11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** on **Monday, Friday, or Saturday**. Monetary donations are welcome in place of toiletries.

- \$25** provides a woman or girl trapped in sexual exploitation with hygiene essentials and a snack for a month
- \$50** covers the weekly cost of gas for our van to pick up donations and transport women to medical appointments and our drop-in center
- \$75** provides crisis support to meet urgent needs of women during our BI-WEEKLY outreach efforts
- \$100** helps to cover the monthly rent for our drop-in center and provides day-to-day operation support



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Many have inquired with RFACO asking how they could **support our efforts to provide for trafficked women and girls**, even after our Sound the Alarm initiative has ended. Well, here's a way!

We are seeking help to maintain the upkeep of the toiletries we give out during our street outreach as well providing them to students in elementary and high schools. Schools we work with include West Catholic Preparatory High School, Richard Allen Preparatory High School, and Roxborough High School.

Partner with us today to provide toiletries to women and girls who are in need. Drop off days for donations are Monday, Friday, and Saturday at our South Philadelphia drop-in center located at 730-732 West Moyamensing Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19148, from 11am-2pm.

IN PENNSYLVANIA

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

- »» **213** involved **sex trafficking**
- »» **26** involved **labor trafficking**
- »» **61** involved **minors**
- »» **131** involved **adults**

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

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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