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REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

Intern Corner...

My name is Katie Bartholomew, and I am a student at Rowan University majoring in Human Services. This is my second semester as an intern for Redeemed For A Cause and I am excited to be back! There are a lot of new things happening within the organization and I am looking forward to being involved and getting back to supporting the community we serve!

My name is Samantha Pancaro. I am a senior majoring in Human Services at Rowan University. My hope for this semester is to educate myself and others about the effects of human trafficking and how we can prevent it.

My name is Jenelle Hudson. I am a student at Penn State Abington majoring in Rehabilitation and Human Services. This semester I am excited to learn more about the signs and awareness of Anti-Trafficking and ways to educate and give back to the community.

My name is Cailyn Rice-Murphy, and I am a student at Rowan University majoring in Psychology. As an intern with Redeemed For A Cause Outreach I am excited to learn how I can become a support to help others. I have already learned so much while setting up toiletry closets.

My name is Ciara Hernandez. I am a junior at Rowan University and my major is Human Services. What I am looking to learn about this semester is about Redeemed For A Cause's programs and outreach in depth; along with helping at the Thanksgiving event and teen prevention education. I am excited to come out this year, since last year was an amazing experience with Valentine's Day and showing others, they are loved. I cannot wait!

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

TOILETRY CLOSETS & COMMUNITY HUB INITIATIVES...

For the month of September, our founder, Sakinah Love and interns had the opportunity to set up more toiletry closets throughout city. This month we had the opportunity to set up new closets at our former partner Roxborough High School, and new partners Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children who services foster care and at-risk youth in West Philadelphia, and lastly the Camelot Accelerated **Program**, which is an extension of Camelot Academy East both of which service at-risk youth and young adults. In fact, Camelot Academy East School used the items we provided them in the month of August to create their own "zen" space for their students, where they will be welcomed to come and get toiletries as well as destress and regroup. We want to thank the school clinical director, Mrs. Petroski for partnering with us to make this dream come true. Our goal with each closet is to encourage staff and school administration to get involved in creating safe spaces for students to tend to their basic needs without shame. Additionally, this month we have begun and will continue to replenish the emergency community HUBs at establishments such as **Distinguished** Funeral Homes; who is on their second distribution of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. for the victims of human trafficking in the West Philadelphia area we service. It is our goal to continue to set up these closets and community hubs throughout the city to support those in need. We want to thank our generous donors and supporters Days for Girls Wayne PA, Leslie Roy, WOAR, and Redeemed For A Cause team members for donating to this ongoing cause. Furthermore, we are able to replenish and sustain our very own drop-in center that supports victims of human trafficking and abuse. All thanks to the generous donations we have been receiving, please keep them coming.

CONTINUAL GROWING PARTNERSHIPS:

SAVAGE SISTERS & ROWAN UNIVERSITY

In the month of November, we will be partnering with **Savage Sisters** for a Girls' Day event on November 07, 2021. **Savage Sisters** is an organization that provides sober living homes for people in recovery. Additionally, they have a similar mission as ours and take pride in distributing harm reduction kits through their outreach and education initiatives to the community. The Girls' Day event will be open to the community including ladies in recovery, human trafficking victims and/or survivors, sexual assault victims and/or survivors, domestic violence victims and/or survivors, etc. The Girls' Day event will be at our South Philadelphia drop-in center located at 730-732 W Moyamensing Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19148. We will have guest speakers who will discuss intimate partner violence and how to work through trauma as a woman. Furthermore, our founder, Sakinah Love will be running a meditation session with the participants as well as a healing exercise to enhance their confidence to move forward beyond their pain. We will provide additional details about the event as the date gets closer.



Many have inquired with Redeemed for a Cause Outreach asking how they could **support our ongoing efforts to provide necessities for trafficked women and girls.** Well, here is a way!

We are seeking help to maintain the upkeep of the toiletries we give out during our street outreach, in the emergency community hubs, as well providing them to students in elementary and high schools. Schools we work with include West Catholic Preparatory High School, Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School, Roxborough High School, Edward Heston Acceleration, Camelot Academy Philadelphia, and Vaux Big Picture High School.

Partner with us today to provide toiletries to women and girls who are in need. Drop off days for donations are Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday at our South Philly location, address: 730-732 W. Moyamensing Ave, Philadelphia PA 19148, from 12pm-2pm.

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 topssocks
- disposable washcloths
- deodorant (travel size)
- hand sanitizer (travel size)
- make-up pouches
- ziploc bags
- tampons

- lotion (travel size)
 combs
- brushes
 - toothbrush/toothpaste (travel size)
- shampoo (travel size)
- conditioner (travel size)
- razor
- · bars of soap
- make-up

- · pads

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
		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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There were **271 human trafficking** cases reported in 2019.

- >>>> 229 involved sex trafficking
- >>> 18 involved labor trafficking
- >>> 62 involved minors
- >>> 152 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

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At **Redeemed for a Cause**, well-being is at the forefront of what we are **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**. www.redeemedforacause.org

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Toiletry Closet/Emergency Community HUB Updates, Partnership Updates





