

REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH



Intern Corner...

Hello! My name is Cailyn Rice-Murphy, and I am a junior studying Psychology at Rowan University. I have been an intern with RFACO for about two months and I have already learned so much. Recently, I had an “aha moment” during a training held by the organization and a former intern that focused on working with victims and survivors. In school, I have been taught how to work with victims/survivors in a professional setting, but this training taught me how to be professional and still be personal to make a safe space. The training stressed the importance of listening because victims/survivors will tell us everything we need to know even if they do not say it. The training also stressed the importance of not interrogating which is where I had my aha moment. I never thought of it like that but now I know the importance of active listening.

TOILETRY CLOSETS & COMMUNITY HUB INITIATIVES...

Throughout September and October, our founder, Sakinah Love, and interns have been setting up toiletry closets around the city. Team members and interns preparing care packages for the women who drop into the center, our community HUBs/toiletry closets for our teenage girls. For the month of October, we set up 2 toiletry closets at **W.C. Longstreth Elementary School** and **Excel Academy North**. In both schools, they received a total of **25 toiletry bags including face masks, combs, hairbrushes, hair bands, notebooks, snacks, etc.** Also, we replenished 3 toiletry closets at **West Catholic Preparatory High School, Roxborough High School, and Richard Allen Charter School**. Altogether, the schools received a number **Days for Girls kits and toiletry bags** which included **hand sanitizers, tampons, undergarments, toothbrushes, and toothpaste**. The students are raving about the closets and have counselors to keep the toiletries coming! Additionally, we distributed **toiletry bags** to **Drexel Hope**, who provide high-quality, compassionate health services for opioid dependence, HIV, and Hepatitis C. They offer low-threshold care at reduced or no cost, which makes medical services accessible to underserved patients. They work to advance health equity and decrease health disparities among Philadelphians. So far, we have **7 toiletry closets** in the schools including **W.C. Longstreth Elementary School, Excel Academy North School, West Catholic Preparatory High School, Roxborough High School, Richard Allen Charter School, Vaux High School, and Camelot Academy East** and **3 Emergency Community HUBs** including **Drexel Hope, Distinguished Funeral Home, and Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children**. Thank you to our wonderful team members and interns for packaging care packages for women who drop into the center, our community HUBs/toiletry closets for our teenage girls. Thank you to all of our donors and supporters who donate monetarily and toiletries for the drop-in center, toiletry closets, and emergency community HUBs.

CONTINUAL GROWING PARTNERSHIPS & VOLUNTEERING: SAVAGE SISTERS

Redeemed For A Cause Outreach is partnering with **Savage Sisters** for our Thanksgiving and Christmas events. 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 prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas events, we are asking for volunteers to come to the **South Philadelphia Drop-In Center** located at **730-732 W Moyamensing Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19148** on **Saturday, November 13th at 12pm** to prepare care packages for the Thanksgiving event and **Saturday, December 11th at 12pm** to prepare care packages for the Christmas event. Our Thanksgiving event will be held on **Saturday, November 20th** and our Christmas event will be held on **Saturday, December 18th**. Prior to our Thanksgiving and Christmas events, at **9:30am** there is a **mandatory Narcan training** at **1516 South 30th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19146**. After the Narcan training, we will head to **McPherson Square Park** located at **601 East Indiana Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19134** to set up tables and tents for the events. We will start at **11am**. If you are interested in volunteering at the Friendsgiving and/or Christmas events, you must attend the Narcan training.

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HUMAN
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HOTLINE

1-888-373-
7888



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.

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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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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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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

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