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REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

TOILETRY CLOSETS & TEEN PREVENTION GROUPS

Throughout the month of November, our founder, Sakinah Love and interns ran the teen prevention groups at Richard Allen Charter School and Excel Academy North where they discussed navigating conflict and finding positive ways to handle it. The students participated in role playing and learned some boundary words and statements. Our goal for each group is to teach the students how to handle conflicts without blowing up or losing their cool; by using boundaries to help them be heard and understood. The students did great expressing what is necessary, so they feel safe. Additionally, our interns traveled to Roxborough High School who hosted "Lunch Bunches" for students to help our interns pack toiletry bags and make affirmation cards for our outreaches, emergency community HUBs, and toiletry closets in their school as well as others. The purpose of the collaboration was for the school to provide a safe and fun space for students to gather and be involved in community service! Lastly, our interns worked on replenishing the toiletry closets at Vaux High School, Achieve Academy of Philadelphia (Camelot Academy East), Roxborough High School, Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children, and W.C. Longstreth Elementary School. These schools and emergency community HUB received several Days for Girls kits, WOAR bags, pads, tampons, combs, makeup kits, socks, undergarments, affirmation cards, etc.

"I HAVE SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR" EVENT

On Saturday, November 20th we held our 4th annual "I Have Something to be Grateful For" Thanksgiving event where we partnered with Savage Sisters who provided Narcan training to our interns and volunteers before going to McPherson Square Park to serve our friends in Kensington. Our efforts were led by our awesome lead intern Katie as well as other interns, team members, volunteers from Rowan and Villanova University along with a few others. Together, we served 100+ people by giving out food packages with selections such as roasted vegetables and potatoes, dinner rolls with butter, and pizza. Also, we gave out 80+ toiletry bags, 80+ snack bags, 75+ pairs of underwear and bras, 80+ sodas and waters, and 80+ winter bags full of hats and gloves for the winter season. The event was a major success and there is more to come for the Christmas holiday. For our Christmas event, we are partnering with Philly Unknown Project who provide those who are homeless, near homeless, or in need, the day-to-day resources and empowerment to survive through outreach, education, support, and advocacy. Here's to more serving! We would like to give a huge thanks to our interns, team members, Villanova University students, and volunteers for coming to our South Philadelphia drop-in center on November 13th to prepare the care packages and snack bags for the Thanksgiving event on Saturday, November 20th. We sorted through and packaged over 200+ pairs of undergarments and 250+ bras for outreach, as well as the local toiletry closets, we have in schools. Thank you to Erin and Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience Nurses Unit Councils for the generous donation of 2,400 organic menstrual pads, which will give us the opportunity to supply our teen girls in the local schools we serve with a month's supply of menstrual products. Lastly, we would like to thank our donor. Tasker Street Baptist Church, who donated toiletries, Thanksgiving baskets, and turkeys. We were able to bless five families at Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children with the Thanksgiving baskets which had all the fixings and turkeys to help a little for the holiday.



Intern Corner...

Hello! I'm Cailyn, an intern with Redeemed For A Cause Outreach. I am a junior at Rowan University as a Psychology major. RFACO gave me an amazing opportunity to experience first-hand how we help the community as well as meeting members of the community.

At our Thanksgiving outreach event, RFACO partnered with Savage Sisters. I had an "aha moment" seeing how many people we helped. I always knew I wanted to work with people and help them. The Thanksgiving event really gave me a first-hand perspective on the widespread of the opioid crisis and addiction.

I now have a newfound interest in helping people who are struggling with addiction.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING 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.

Redeemed for a Cause Outreach

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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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

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Christmas Event, Teen Prevention Groups/Toiletry **Closet Updates**





