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REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

Intern Corner...

Redeemed For A Cause
Outreach would like to
thank our interns who
dedicated their time and
energy with traveling to the
elementary and high
schools to run groups with
the students, restock the
toiletry closets and
emergency community
HUBs, assisting with our
community and
organization events, etc.

We appreciate their willingness to broaden their horizon to learn about human trafficking including the risk factors/barriers, intersection between domestic violence and sexual assault, and preventative methods in helping at-risk youth, victims, and survivors.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888



FOUNDER SAKINAH LOVE AND CALVIN WELCOME BABY GIRL CERENITY!!!

On **November 28, 2021**, at **5:30am**, our founder, Sakinah Love and her husband Calvin welcomed **Cerenity** into the world weighing **6 pounds and 9 ounces**. Sakinah and Calvin are overjoyed as they held Cerenity in their hearts hoping and praying that they would one day hold her in their arms. Cerenity is everything they could have **imagined**, **hoped for**, and **dreamed of**. Please continue to keep Sakinah and Calvin in prayer as they continue to enjoy their time with their princess and adjust into parenthood.

TOILETRY CLOSETS & TEEN PREVENTION GROUPS

Throughout the month of December, our founder, Sakinah Love, and interns ran groups at Richard Allen Charter School where the students learned about responsible social media use. The students were very engaged and able to be open and honest with us about their experiences online. Also, the students made affirmation cards during group and allowed the girls to speak openly about things they may have been struggling with.

Additionally, our interns visited Roxborough High School to participate in the "Lunch Bunch" where the students created care packages, affirmation cards, and monthly menstrual kits for our other clients to remind them that they are worthy and able to get through anything.

Also, our interns replenished the toiletry closets at W.C. Longstreth Elementary School and Roxborough High School.

Furthermore, from August to December, we were able to provide over 50 containers including 300 toiletry bags with tampons, pads, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, hair ties, antibiotic wet wipes, deodorant, bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, after shower body creams, etc., 450 makeup bags including lip balms, styling gels, face masks, mirrors, facial creams, etc., 300 Days for Girls kits that include small, medium, large, and x-large undergarments, to the toiletry closets and emergency community HUBs. In total, we have 7 toiletry closets including W.C. Longstreth Elementary School, Roxborough High School, Richard Allen Charter School, West Catholic Preparatory School, Excel Academy North, Vaux High School, Achieve Academy of Philadelphia (Camelot Academy East) and 3 emergency community HUBs including Drexel Hope, Distinguished Funeral Home, Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children.

Lastly, we want to thank our donors, **Tasker Street Baptist Church**, who donated gifts for **10 children** at **Richard Allen Charter School** where we currently hold support groups for vulnerable teen girls; additionally, the school partakes in our toiletry closet initiative. We want to thank the staff and administrators for allowing Redeemed For A Cause Outreach to create toiletry closets and running prevention groups in their schools as an added support for their students.

"OPERATION SERVE OUR COMMUNITY" CHRISTMAS EVENT

We want to thank our team members, volunteers, and interns who met at our South Philadelphia Drop-In Center on Saturday, December 11th to create over 100 toiletry bags, 100 snack bags, and over 100 winter/warm bags for our Christmas event on Saturday, December 18th.

Additionally, on Saturday, December 18th, we held our 4th annual "Operation Serve Our Community" Christmas event where we partnered with Philly Unknown Project who held a Narcan training and were a huge help during our event, and in our mission to serve and make connections with those living in Kensington. During the event, we gave out over 125 "warm bags" with hats, gloves, socks, hand warmers, & emergency blankets. Also, we gave out 70 harm reduction kits, 125 snack bags, 125 toiletry bags, 2 trays of Christmas cookies, waters, and 17 pizzas. Lastly, we gave out warm winter clothes, jackets, and shoes. Lastly, we would like to thank everyone for their support to Redeemed For A Cause Outreach. We would not be able to serve our community and schools without your generous donations. As we go into 2022, we look forward to developing more partnerships with schools in the Tri-state area as well as developing partnerships with similar organizations as our own.











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.

IN PENNSLYVANIA

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

Redeemed for a Cause Outreach

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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Teen Prevention Groups/Toiletry Closet Updates





