

REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

TEEN PREVENTION GROUPS...GETTING BETTER WITH TIME

For the month of March, our founder, Sakinah Love, and Rowan University continued to host teen prevention groups with our partners Excel Academy North, W.C. Longstreth Elementary School, and West Catholic Preparatory High School where they discussed topics such as grief and loss, social media and texting, conflict resolution, etc. were focused on due to the uptick of gun violence and overall crime in our city.

Additionally, we were able to host our first teen boys' group with our existing partner Excel Academy North where we also host the teen girls' group. The interns created a safe environment for the students to share their experiences around these sensitive topics. We are grateful that the students are open to unpacking their feelings, trauma, and any concerns they have and can heal at their own pace without judgment.

TOILETRY CLOSETS/EMERGENCY COMMUNITY HUBS EQUALS MARCH MADNESS

Due to inclement weather, our "Spring Toiletry Drive" had to be cancelled. However, we were determined to still honor this initiative and proceed with sorting and organizing the items we collected. Our founder, Sakinah Love, high school intern, and Rowan University interns gathered at our South Philadelphia drop-in center to sort and organize the toiletry items. In total, we were able to collect 960 toiletry items which will be used to stock our toiletry closets in our partnering schools as well as distribute items to our emergency community HUBS in areas for women we do our outreach efforts. Most of these items will be used for April's initiative "Random Acts of Kindness" in which we will be restocking each of these closets and HUBS with much needed items.

Additionally, we look to establish two more community HUBS during the month of April to provide more support throughout local communities. To date, 1,006 items have been donated to our participating elementary, middle, and high school students.

Furthermore, in honor of lent, our donor, St. David Church, donated toiletry items. We want to thank them for their continued support to our organization.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who have donated toiletry items as well as monetarily. For those who are interested in donating toiletry items, they can be dropped off at our South Philadelphia drop-in center located at 730-732 West Moyamensing Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19148 on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm.

Intern Corner...

My name is Katie, lead intern for Redeemed For A Cause. I have had the honor of interning with RFAC for almost two years now. I've loved being able to assist with day-to-day tasks and getting to experience all the behind the scenes work that goes into their mission with the guiding hand of the director and founder, Sakinah Love, Her consistency and dedication are what makes Redeemed a strong and persistent organization with a continued goal of helping survivors of Human Trafficking and furthering prevention throughout Philadelphia schools.

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 Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at our South Philly location, address: 730-732 W. Moyamensing Ave, Philadelphia PA 19148, from 12pm-2pm.

IN PENNSLYVANIA

There were **221 human trafficking** cases reported in 2020.

>>> 183 involved sex trafficking

>>> 23 involved labor trafficking

>>> 57 involved minors

>>> 138 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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