



# REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

## Intern Corner...

My name is Danielle Heulitt and my experience interning at Redeemed For a Cause Outreach has been great! Working with each other to help better the community and help people know their worth has been truly rewarding!

My name is Samantha Pancaro and I have been interning at Redeemed for the last two semesters. My time here has been nothing but a positive experience. I have met so many people and learned what working with a great team of people feels like. This internship has taught me so many things. I learned to communicate better and work with several vulnerable populations. Redeemed taught me to open up and feel comfortable sharing my story. I am definitely going to miss it but I certainly will not forget it.

My name is Katie Bartholomew and I've spent the last year and a half with RFAC and as I graduate. I've been reflecting on my experience. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to cultivate new skills through the continued support and guidance of the organization and its founder. I loved being a part of our teen prevention groups and helping members of the community through outreach event. My time at RFAC has provided me with invaluable experience and knowledge that I'll be able to utilize in my future career. I'll miss being an intern with RFAC but know my time with them is not over and look forward to continuing to be a part of the organization.

## TEEN PREVENTION GROUPS...GETTING BETTER WITH TIME

For the month of April, our founder, **Sakinah Love** and interns from **Rowan University** continued to run the **teen prevention groups** with partnering schools **West Catholic Preparatory High School** and **Excel Academy North**. During this time students used the safe space to talk about day-to-day issues they face in their communities; the most prevalent is **gun violence, grief and loss** which was resulted in **fear, uncertainty, and hopelessness**. Together with support from Sakinah and interns the students were able to identify **effective coping skills** to help them move through many of the challenges they face. Since the conception of the teen prevention group the students have made tremendous progress and have consciously decided to show up for themselves and do the necessary work to see the change they desire to see in the world.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: TOILETRY CLOSETS/EMERGENCY COMMUNITY HUBS...

In honor of **Random Acts of Kindness month**, we focused this month on showing our **toiletry and emergency community HUBS** participants much kindness. It was our goal to donate double the amount of toiletry items this month to support the many needs. Our **Rowan University interns** traveled throughout the city to replenish the toiletry closets at **Vaux High School, Community Umbrella Agency 10: Turning Points for Children, West Catholic Preparatory High School**, and our emergency community HUBS at **Distinguished Memorial Chapels** to add more items for them to be able to utilize at their own leisure. Replenishing the closets has resulted in the distribution of 2,125 items thus far thanks to many of our donors and partners.

Additionally, we were able to **distribute items** to our **male group participants** and start up a closet for their day-to-day needs at **Excel Academy North**. This is a big deal as the **girls' toiletry closet** has been doing so well in this school that it was requested, we start a **male toiletry closet!** It was great to be able to see some of our favorite students in person again as we have been running virtual groups since January!

Our hope is to continue to expand this initiative and support even more students and women through the city! Here's to more serving!



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.

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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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## IN PENNSYLVANIA

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

## GET

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.**  
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Teen Prevention Groups/Toiletry Closet Updates, Undergarment Drive



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