



# REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

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### Intern Corner...

Annabelle Jin is the newest intern at Redeemed For A Cause Outreach! She is a rising sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania who intends to major in Biology, with minors in Medical Anthropology and Asian American Studies. As a fellow of Penn's Office of Social Equity & Community, she was connected with RFACO to assist with running community HUBS and increasing sexual and menstrual health education in Philly schools. She hopes to connect with the Philly community on a deeper level through this grassroots work, along with learning more about what sex trafficking looks like in Philly and how to address it.

Redeemed For A Cause Outreach (RFACO) is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday this month! Our official birthday was on July 8<sup>th</sup>, but for all of July we have been highlighting our major accomplishments in serving the Philly community.

As a woman and minority-led organization, RFACO's mission is to help women and girls impacted by human trafficking realize their intrinsic worth and full potential. To do this, we provide services for them at our drop-in centers located in West Philadelphia (est. 2018) and South Philadelphia (est. 2020). These services include basic needs items, life skills workshops, health education, crisis and case management, referrals, and more!

We also engage in community outreach, hitting the streets of Philly to meet people where they're at and provide services and go directly to them. During holidays, we donate food to those in need. We also partner with organizations to provide STI testing and treatment, and we provide toiletry items to women and girls through our community HUBS. We are deeply connected with the Philly community and love working closely with the people we serve.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the generous donations and support from our sponsors! We are incredibly grateful to give back to the community and hope to continue doing so for years to come.

## UPKEEP EMERGENCY COMMUNITY HUBS

RFACO now has four emergency community HUBS, up from three-South Philadelphia Community Fridge at Mifflin Square Park and Smith Recreation Center, Distinguished Funeral Home, and Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children! These HUBS are crucial for supplying needed toiletry items, including period products, underwear, soap, toothbrushes, etc. to people in the Philly community.

We were proud to replenish our three existing HUBS and open up a new one (Smith Recreation Center) this month. We thank our community partners and our donors and supporters for helping us keep these HUBS stocked! Your support will allow us to expand our toiletry closets city-wide so that we can serve even more people in the coming years.

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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