

REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Redeemed For A Cause Outreach worked with the School District of Philadelphia Office of School Climate and Culture Lead Climate and Culture Coach to obtain a vendor number which will help us to potentially secure contracts with partnering schools who are recipients of our toiletry closets initiative and teen prevention groups. We are excited for this opportunity as we have operated in schools for over 3 years; establishing relationships with administrative staff including teachers, school counselors, climate, principals, etc., to further support students as they navigate through everyday life. We are honored to move through this process and officially become partners in supporting the youth of Philadelphia.

Also, we are working with our partnering school, Camelot Academy East, and applying for a grant opportunity through the Hilles Fund, who provides grants to "programs that serve those with the greatest needs in Philadelphia and the Northeast". We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to a great outcome this grant could have on the work we do.

Additionally, as the school year is approaching, we are gearing up to add two more schools into our toiletry initiative. Academy Park High School and Edward Heston Acceleration Network, we are excited about the work we will do together.

UPKEEP EMERGENCY COMMUNITY HUBS

We continue to maintain our four emergency community HUBS: Distinguished Funeral Home, South Philadelphia Community Fridge at Mifflin Square Park and Smith Recreation Center, and Community Umbrella Agency (CUA) 10: Turning Points for Children, by donating toiletries to those in need in the Philadelphia community. We appreciate the local businesses for supporting the organization and these operating community HUBS.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

This month, we were honored to meet with Polaris Project who assisted us with grant suggestions/opportunities as well as updating our current grant information. Polaris Project leads a data-driven social justice movement to fight sex and labor trafficking at the massive scale of the problem. Polaris Project assisted thousands of victims and survivors through the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline, helped ensure countless traffickers were held accountable, and built the largest known U.S. data set on actual trafficking experiences.

Also, we partnered with the Attic Youth Center, who creates opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGTBQIA+) youth to develop into healthy, independent, civic-minded adults within a safe and supportive community and to promote the acceptance of LGBTQ youth in society. The Attic strives to have a positive impact on all aspects of youth's lives, facilitate growth, empowerment, and resiliency, and help youth find their voice. Our founder, Sakinah Love, and Annabelle, intern, met with the Life Skills Supervisor about putting together the safe sex kits for the LGBTQIA + community.

RECONNECTING WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY INTERN

Recently, we reconnected with our former intern, Zadaiah Roye, graduate from Duke University, who will assist us with various projects pertaining to grant opportunities, research, curriculum updates, etc. We are excited to have Zadaiah on board with us again and appreciate her supporting the organization.

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 hydiene 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 conter.
- \$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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Toiletry Closet Updates





