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REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

Intern Corner...

The All Worthy of Love event was an amazing experience. Our organization along with two others partnered together to sort and package roses and chocolates to be delivered and passed out to victims and/or survivors of various forms of abuse. Additionally, each box of chocolate and rose that was given out was paired with affirmations reminding them they were deserving of love. Coming together and making bundles of hundreds of long stemmed roses, tying on affirmation hearts with words of love such as: You are loved, You deserve happiness, You are beautiful, You are amazing and many others made my heart so full. After all of the roses were grouped together and counted for the various locations, myself, our organization, other interns, and volunteers walked around the neighborhood passing out roses and chocolates. It was an amazing experience seeing the women and men smile just receiving a free rose and some chocolates. It was a beautiful moment in time to help others. It warms my heart to know that I have helped make a difference in the day of someone else.

~Christa Hiddemen

Rowan University Junior

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

5th ANNUAL ALL WORTHY OF LOVE VALENTINE'S DAY OUTREACH

For our 5th year in a row our organization hosted its annual "All Worthy of Love" Valentine's Day Outreach. This year was very special as we were able to partner with our friends from Buddy Speaks and Heal & Rebuild Unbreakable Spirit again to make this event memorable for those who volunteered as well as participants. Buddy Speaks provides preventative education and awareness to end childhood sexual abuse. Heal & Rebuild Unbreakable Spirit offers empowerment, education, support, and refuge to those whose lives have been shattered by domestic abuse. Both organizations are sister organizations whose work intersects with ours; which is why we decided to partner to support individuals in need. In our efforts of partnering together, we were able to provide over 550 roses, boxes of chocolates, and candy bags to human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault victims/survivors, along with individuals who are experiencing homelessness. This event acknowledges those who are in vulnerable positions and shows each and every one of them that they are indeed "Worthy of Love". Thank you to every donor, sponsor, and individual who helped to make this event possible and a continually growing success. Here's to more serving <3

In addition, one special moment that was a highlight to the event. Our intern Camaryn was eager to share that while handing out roses and chocolates in the neighborhood where our drop-in center is an individual who received one was eternally thankful. They were so happy to express "Philadelphia needs more people like you guys"; our goal is to always make kind gestures that people can remember. Statements like this is why we continue to host the event and look for ways to support those who need it and are not always able to get it. We are forever grateful for this work and the ability to serve in a way that is impactful.



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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Toiletry Drive and Teen Group Updates





