



REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Intern Corner...

My name is Dawn Bastardi and I am an intern for Redeemed For A Cause Outreach. I am a junior at Rowan University and majoring in Human Services and have a minor in Psychology. I first heard about Redeemed For A Cause when I was taking Dr. Love's class about Human Services. I loved hearing her stories and how she helped others with her organization. I enjoyed hearing about what they did and how it affected those in the community. The work done here is important and vital to the care and support of the community we serve and what more can be done to aid them. Victims and survivors need understanding, empathy, and support to realize their potential and worth. Together we can help those in need to build themselves up and take pride in themselves and their futures.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. In honor of this amazing month our organization and founder participated in many exciting events. To kick it off on Sunday, January 21, 2024 our founder was a participant on the "Hope: Stories of Survival" panel in which herself and many other partnering community can support the work that each of them were doing and how collaborating efforts has been their primary way to make a difference. Later in the month, our founder led a city-wide training for Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disability Services (DBHIDS) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) department staff, partners, and general public. Each participant was able to learn the basics about human trafficking, but also the importance of inclusion, equality, and diversity that must be considered when supporting this vulnerable population. The training was power packed and everyone who attended expressed how much they enjoyed it and learned. Lastly, our founder attended the city council meeting in which, January was declared Human Trafficking Prevention by Councilmember-At-Large Nina Ahmad. Dr. Ahmad believes declaring this resolution will help the city and supporting organizations to fight this issue and bring about some much-needed change. Our office looks forward to working with her and others to make this happen.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. LOVE

January was filled with many reasons to celebrate, for our organization celebrating our amazing, dedicated founder is definitely in order. After many years of sacrifice and much studying Sakinah successfully defended her final oral defense and officially became Dr. Sakinah Love! Her goal is to take her study which is entitled: "Perspectives of Human Service Providers for Sex Trafficked Women about Policy Changes in the Prosecution of Prostitution" and to turn it into a technical report to give to stakeholders, law enforcement, policy makers, the mayor and my hopes DA Krasner and ADAs within his office. In fact, in her recommendation section of the study suggestions she believe can help law enforcement, city officials, policy makers, DHS, etc. who support youth/adult victims in our city. Additionally, she would like to host trainings and workshops regarding her findings. We are so proud of her and all the amazing work she has done through our organization and also research efforts. This is just the beginning, and we are all excited about what is to come. Join us in celebrating her as she is truly deserving of it.



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 PENNSYLVANIA

There were **192 human trafficking** cases reported in 2021.

- »» **153** involved **sex trafficking**
- »» **18** involved **labor trafficking**
- »» **42** involved **minors**
- »» **129** 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

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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

To **drop off toiletries** at our drop-in center, **730 - 732 W Moyamensing Avenue**, please email redeemedforacause@gmail.com. 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**.

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