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# REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

### Intern Corner...

This year for women's history month we created a donation box. We used the box to collect various products such as, personal hygiene products and menstrual products. We placed the box in the student center at Rowan University. With the help and support of professors and students we had over 50 oral hygiene products donated. With these products and monetary donations from various supporters we were able to make many care packages which will be distributed to those in need. Throughout the month we have conducted various research involving maternal mental health, sexual assault, and DEI. Through research we have improved our knowledge and created several PowerPoints that can be used to improve the knowledge of others. ~ Dawn Bastardi

### **CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

For the month of March, Redeemed For A Cause Outreach celebrated Women's History Month. Our founder, Dr. Love, had the opportunity to join other iconic women and celebrate the amazing things they are doing throughout the city. The nomination came from CPOC (Citizens Police Oversight Commission) who are new partners and allies for the work our organization focuses on. Each nominee was given the "Iconic Philly Women" award and was given the chance to discuss the outstanding work they are doing in the community.

The Citizens Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) oversees and investigates the conduct, policies, and practices of the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD). The commission works to:

- Increase the transparency and accountability of the PPD.
- Improve police conduct.
- Enhance the quality of internal investigations.
- Improve the relationship between the community and the police department.

They provide recommendations on how to improve the police department to the mayor, the managing director, and the police commissioner, CPOC is a member of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

In the upcoming month, our founder and intern Dawn will be partnering with the CPOC team, to organize a city-wide toiletry drive to support organizations that service victims' and survivors of human trafficking. We look forward to this great partnership.

### **NEW BUSINESS VENTURE**

In lieu of completing her doctorate degree our founder, Dr. Love, has established a new business, entitled **Sakinah Love Consulting.** Her reasons for doing so were to take her expertise and support businesses with strategic planning, research and policy review, training and curriculum development, and leadership development. Dr. Love has had the opportunity to work alongside some amazing individuals as a co-principal investigator doing research on various topics such as inclusive leadership and vicarious trauma. This is just the beginning; the sky is the limit.

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 **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

Redeemed for a Cause Outreach

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.

provides a woman or girl trapped in sexual exploitation with hygiene essentials and a snack for a month

covers the weekly cost of gas for our van to pick up donations and transport women to medical appointments and our drop-in

provides crisis support to meet urgent needs of women during

helps to cover the monthly rent for our drop-in center and provides day-to-day operation support







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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