



REDEEMED FOR A CAUSE OUTREACH

EASTERN UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Intern Corner...

For the past few months I have been interning with Dr. Sakinah Love at her organization Redeemed For A Cause Outreach. I have assisted Dr. Love with getting donations, making care packages, conducting research, and creating training programs. Throughout my time here I have seen firsthand how she cares for her community and the people she serves. I have gained invaluable knowledge and skills from helping her and others. This was my first internship and I would classify it as a great success. I feel that the time I spent here has greatly improved my research skills as well as my understanding of how human service workers aid those in need. I am sad to leave but look forward to new experiences in my next internship. I have no doubt that the things I learned with Dr. Love will help me in whatever future endeavors I may have. ~ Dawn Bastardi

For the month of April, Redeemed For A Cause Outreach was invited to Eastern University in Philadelphia to conduct a presentation on sexual assault awareness. Our intern, Dawn, created a presentation that explained statistics around sexual assault and how it can affect someone. It is common for many survivors to suffer from PTSD after experiencing an assault. Often survivors suffer serious mental health problems, some that can even lead to suicide. Sexual assault is a serious topic that cannot be swept under the rug. It is something that can happen to anyone regardless of age or gender. Also, the presentation included ways you can help your friend who has been assaulted. The best way to help someone is by believing them and supporting them. Many survivors are not believed for one reason or another, and often feel embarrassed or ashamed of what happened to them. It is important to let them know that you believe them, that what they experienced and what they are feeling is valid. It is important to spread awareness so that others know they are not alone and so we can improve our resources to aid survivors any way we can.

TOILETRY DRIVE COLLABORATION

For the past few weeks, Dr. Love has been in contact with the Citizens Police Oversight Commission (CPOC). Their goal is to improve relations between the police and the community. Recently, we have been in contact with them and other organizations discussing a toiletry drive. The goal is for organizations to come together and find ways we can help each other and the community. We also want to spread awareness about the organizations in the areas they are in so that people know what services and help are available to them. A variety of locations will be accepting donations between May 1st and May 29th.

List of drop off locations and times:

- CPOC Lobby: 1515 Arch Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19102
 - o Times: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
- African Family Health Organization: 2420 S 54th Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19143
 - o Times: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
- Central Division Victim Services: 1538 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19121
 - o Times: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
- Merakey: 709 E Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19134
 - o Times: Monday-Friday 7am-11am
- Redeemed For A Cause Outreach: 730 W Moyamensing Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19148
 - o Times: Thursdays 10am-2pm

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

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

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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