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Giving Hope & Help 8th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

Press Release

Kansas City, Mo. – December 11, 2020 –Giving Hope & Help will host its 8th Annual Feminine Hygiene PERIOD PRODUCTS Drive Co-Sponsored by Councilwoman, 5th District, Ryana Parks-Shaw from noon to 3p.m., December 12, 2020, at Swope Park (Main Entrance), 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO, 64132. The drive will benefit domestic violence survivors and the shelters in which they live, natural disaster survivors and those in need of feminine care locally and across the globe. The organization collects the following regular and organic period products, “items of dignity,” sanitary napkins, tampons, individually wrapped panty liners, individually wrapped feminine wipes, packaged children’s underwear, and packaged women’s underwear size 5 to 4XL. Benefiting domestic violence shelters and places of refuge will drive thru and receive a year or more supply of period products. We are asking the community to drive through and donate the items of dignity that we collect. We mission to fill a twenty-foot moving truck with the items of dignity. Giving Hope & Help collects these items of dignity year-round as well as advocates to end domestic violence and period poverty.



“Period poverty is a silent struggle for women in need and I am proud to partner with Giving Hope and Help to address this critical issue.” said Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw, 5th District. “Purchasing period products can become expensive and with this drive we can help relieve the financial burden for shelters that can now use their funds for other important needs.”
Please see attached flyer.

Giving Hope & Help (GH&H) has three primary arms of outreach:

1. Feminine Hygiene Product Drives to increase Domestic Violence Awareness and Period Poverty.

Jessica McClellan is the Founder and President. Giving Hope & Help Inc. launched November 30, 2013, in honor of her Thanksgiving birthday. She hosted ***“The Thanksgiving Birthday Give”-Launch of Giving Hope & Help and 1st Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive*** to collect sanitary napkins and tampons. Over 5000 products were collected to benefit domestic violence shelter, Hope House in Jackson County- 2 locations. To date Giving Hope & Help has supported and donated to over 25 domestic violence shelters/places of refuge and counting.

Texas Giving Hope & Help was launched November 2015 and hosted the Texas Giving Hope & Help 5th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive November 2, 2019. It was a success; 14,799 feminine products were collected to benefit local Texas shelters and places of refuge.

The Giving Hope & Help 8th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive is December 12, 2020. Giving Hope & Help collects year-round and partners with businesses, organizations, companies, etc. to support the NO FEMALE WITHOUT PERIOD PRODUCTS MOVEMENT to benefit domestic violence shelters, natural disaster survivors and those in need of feminine care across the globe. Giving Hope & Help has made a local and global impact to end period poverty. GH&H has shipped feminine products to Cambodia, Nairobi-Kenya, Haiti, Mexico, Limuru, Kenya, to natural disaster survivors in the Bahamas that were affected by Hurricane Dorian-2019 and to girls/women’s conferences, schools and many more! They like to partner with missions’ groups that travel abroad to hand deliver the feminine products to those in need.

2. LOVE Bags 4 Cancer Donation & Delivery Events: A portion of the proceeds goes to the American Cancer Society



The LOVE Bags 4 Cancer initiative uplifts hospitalized male and female cancer patients in honor of Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. The LOVE Bags are hand delivered to the patients at their hospital bedside. Over five-hundred hospitalized/in treatment cancer patients have been inspired and uplifted with the hand delivered LOVE Bags 4 Cancer since February 2015. The Founder was inspired to launch this initiative in honor of her late niece, Tieara McCallop, who fought cancer for six years. Giving Hope & Help partners with Kansas City metro area hospitals to deliver the LOVE Bags 4 Cancer.

The LOVE Bags 4 Her and Him initiative supports those in need of feminine care and supports homeless men and women.

3. Education Is Your Passport Program

The program provides educational and financial assistance for Pre-K through Adult College Students. The program's annual scholarship initiative, the Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program, benefits underserved high school seniors and non-traditional, college bound students. During the pandemic, July 2020, the program awarded twenty three scholarships including 1 FULL-RIDE scholarship to the Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley. The Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program has awarded seventy-two scholarships to underserved, college bound high school seniors from 2015 to 2020. The organizations is seeking sponsorships to support the 2021 Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program.

Jessica is passionate about giving hope and help to others and is an inspiring motivational speaker and internet radio talk show host. She has received numerous awards, accolades and recognitions for her philanthropic work and leadership. Contact Jessica to partner to make a difference, for speaking engagements, keynote addresses, training and workshop facilitation.

Visit www.givinghopeandhelp.org to support Giving Hope & Help with a tax deductible donation.

Giving Hope & Help is a nonprofit organization that supports domestic violence survivors, provides essential resources to end period poverty, empowers college bound and non-traditional students and inspires cancer patients, lifting all those we serve to live their best life.