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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Giving Hope & Help 9th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive

### ***Press Release***

**Kansas City, Mo. – November 15, 2021** – Giving Hope & Help will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Feminine Hygiene PERIOD PRODUCTS Drive in Collaboration with Councilwoman, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Ryana Parks-Shaw from 12pm to 3p.m., December 11, 2021, at Robert J. Mohart Multipurpose Center, 3200 Wayne Ave., Kansas City, MO, 64109. The drive will benefit domestic violence survivors and the shelters in which they live, natural disaster survivors, schools, girls and women's organizations, MO, and KS correction facilities 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, diva cups, reusable pads, packaged children's underwear, and packaged women's underwear size 5 to 4XL. Benefiting domestic violence shelters and places of refuge will be present at the drive to share information about the free resources they provide to the community. They will also receive a year or more supply of period products at the end of the drive. We are asking the community to bring donations and learn about the domestic violence shelters and participating nonprofits. A drive thru drop-off option will be available in the south parking lot for those that do not prefer to enter the event. Face masks will



be required for those that enter the event. Giving Hope & Help collects 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:***

***Mission:*** *Giving Hope & Help is a 501c3 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.*

***1. Feminine Hygiene Period Product Drives to promote to End Period Poverty and promote Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention***

Giving Hope & Help Inc. launched in honor of the founder’s Thanksgiving birthday.

***“The Thanksgiving Birthday Give”-Launch of Giving Hope & Help and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive*** to collect sanitary napkins and tampons. Over 5,000 products were collected to benefit the domestic violence shelter, Hope House in Jackson County- 2 locations. To date, Giving Hope & Help supports 30+ domestic violence shelters/places of refuge. Texas Giving Hope & Help launched Nov. 2015, with the first annual feminine product drive.

***Giving Hope & Help has made a significant impact by providing resources to domestic violence survivors including items of dignity to domestic violence shelters/places of refuge and a local to global impact to end period poverty.*** GH&H has shipped feminine products to Cambodia, Nairobi-Kenya, Haiti, Mexico the Bahamas, and Zambia. GH&H has supported over 250 girls with period products and girl’s underwear in Limuru, Kenya for the last 5 years.

**To date, GH&H local and global impact has benefited over 50,000 women and girls.**

***2. LOVE Bags 4 Cancer Donation & Delivery Events***

***A portion of the proceeds benefits the American Cancer Society and Surviving the Odds Inc.***

The LOVE Bags 4 Cancer initiative uplifts hospitalized male and female cancer patients annually in honor of Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day. Over five hundred hospitalized cancer patients have been



inspired and uplifted with the hand delivered LOVE Bags 4 Cancer since February 2015. This initiative was founded in honor of the founder's late niece who fought Hodgkin's Lymphoma for six years. Giving Hope & Help has partnered with Kansas City metro area hospitals in Kansas and Missouri to deliver the LOVE Bags 4 Cancer. Due to COVID-19, nominations for cancer patients have been accepted and the LOVE Bags 4 Cancer mailed via US Postal Service to them beginning with Mother's Day 2020 to date.

### **3. Education Is Your Passport Program**

The program provides educational tools 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. July 2020 and July 2021, in a pandemic, the program awarded thirty scholarships in addition to 1 FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP to Metropolitan Community College, Penn Valley. The program has awarded a total of seventy-nine scholarships including four full rides to Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley since it's 2015 inception.