

-K.C. Globe Spotlight-

Giving Hope & Help Hosts 10th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive, Dec. 10

Giving Hope & Help will host its 10th Annual Feminine Hygiene PERIOD PRODUCTS Drive in collaboration with KCMO 5th District Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw, from noon to 3p.m., December 10, 2022, at MCC-Penn Valley, 3201 S.W. Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo.

According to Jessica McClellan, founder and president of GH&H, the drive will benefit domestic violence survivors and the shelters where they live, natural disaster survivors and those in need of feminine care locally and across the globe. The organization collects the 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. The items can be purchased on the Giving Hope & Help Amazon wish list.

Representatives from domestic violence shelters and places of refuge will be present at the drive to share information about the free resources that they provide to the community. They will also receive a year or more supply of period products. Over 30 more local nonprofits will be in attendance sharing their free resources with the community.

McClellan said, "We are asking the community to bring donations and learn about the domestic violence shelters and participating nonprofits. GH&H 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 & Help to address this critical issue," said Councilwoman Parks-Shaw. "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."

GH&H has made a local and global impact to end period poverty. GH&H has shipped feminine products to Cambodia, Nairobi-Kenya, Haiti, Mexico City, Mexico, Limuru, Kenya, to natural disaster survivors in the Bahamas that were affected by Hurricane Dorian-2019, to survivors of the Ukraine War, 2022 and to girls/women's conferences, schools and many more other areas. McClellan said GH&H purposefully partners with missions groups that travel abroad to hand deliver the feminine products to those in need.

To date GH&H has impacted over 50,000 menstruators with donated period products and donated to over 25 domestic violence shelters/places of



Non-Profit Organization's Outreach Programs Reflect Passions of Founder Jessica McClellan (above)

refuge and counting.

Texas GH&H was launched November 2015 and hosted its 5th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive November 2, 2019. It was as success as 14,799 feminine products were collected to benefit local Texas domestic violence shelters and places of refuge. Moving forward GH&H plans to impact the USA and world with distributing period products from Kansas City, Missouri, the heart of America.

McClellan launched GH&H on November 30, 2013, in honor of her Thanksgiving birthday. And for the 1st Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive to collect sanitary napkins and tampons, over 5,000 products were collected to benefit domestic violence shelter, Hope House in Jackson County—two locations.

Other arms of GH&H outreach include the following:

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 six-hundred hospitalized/in treatment cancer patients have been inspired and uplifted with the hand delivered LOVE Bags 4 Cancer since February 2015. The

LOVE Bags were mailed to nominated cancer patients across the country during the pandemic.

McClellan was inspired to launch this initiative in honor of her late niece, Tiera McCallop, who fought Hodgkin's Lymphoma for six years. GH&H partners with Kansas City metro area hospitals to deliver the LOVE Bags 4 Cancer. The LOVE Bags 4 Her and Him initiative supports houseless men and women in need of feminine care/toiletries.

GH&H also annually hosts the "Kelli Connor-Wilson Warrior Woman" Breast Cancer Brunch in collaboration with Missouri Senator Barbara Anne Washington. The luncheon uplifts and inspires breast cancer warriors and survivors of color.

Education Is Your Passport Program

The program provides edu-



Jessica McClellan (center) with members of GH&H's board of directors.

ational 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. The Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program has awarded 95 scholarships including 5 full ride scholarships to the Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley to underserved, college bound high school seniors from 2015 to 2022. McClellan said the organization is seeking sponsorships to support the 2023 Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program.

More About Jessica McClellan:

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.

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McMurtrey, Social Worker, who received a very well-deserved honor of recognition for her dedication and hard work for the agency and survivors. The benediction was delivered by Rev. Robert Milan, Jr., Pastor of Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, and attendees were invited to enjoy a prepared boxed meal for lunch.

The 21st Annual Domestic Violence Community Luncheon was one of two events held in observation of Domestic Violence Month. The Friends Saving Lives through Praise fundraising benefit was also held on October 9, 2022. Upcoming events include the Holiday at the Apollo Gala annual meeting and benefit Saturday, December 10, 2022, and the 43rd Annual Black Men and Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony recognizing contributions and achievements made by African Americans, in recognition of "Black History Month" on February 26, 2023.

Current events, initiatives and programs of Friends of Yates, Inc. include; Black Men and Women of Distinction Program; (CACE) program, Crime Awareness Coordinating Effort; National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Evening of Praise, and Community Luncheon and the Holiday at the Apollo Gala. The premier program is the Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center for Survivors of Domestic Violence and their dependent children. Some of the many programs offered through DG/JHWC include; (PAVE) program, Pathway to Advocacy and Violence free living and Economic empowerment. BridgeSpan Healthcare Advocacy Program; Emergency Shelter; Supportive Housing; Court/Legal Advocacy; Mental Health Services; Child Care; Translation Services; Community Outreach and Education; Strength-based Case Management; 24-hour Crisis Hotline, Job Coaching and Economic Empowerment.

Roland said, "We do hope that you will consider becoming a partner, volunteer, or donor for services provided by Friends of Yates, Inc."

For more information about Friends of Yates, Inc. or upcoming events, please contact the administrative office, Carlen Roland at 913-321-1566.



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