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Giving Hope & Help 11th Annual Feminine Hygiene Period Products Drive

Press Release

Kansas City, Mo. – December 4, 2023—Giving Hope & Help will host its 11th Annual Feminine Hygiene PERIOD PRODUCTS Drive in collaboration with Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw, 5th District/Mayor Pro Tem, from noon to 4pm, December 9, 2023, at MCC-Penn Valley, 3201 SW Trafficway, Kansas City, MO, 64111. 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 items of dignity: regular and organic period products, 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. Benefiting domestic violence shelters and places of refuge as well as local community nonprofits, will be present at the drive to share information about the free resources they provide to the community. Domestic Violence Shelters and places of refuge will also receive a year or more supply of period products and toiletries. We are asking the community to bring donations and learn about domestic violence shelters and participating nonprofits. 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 the attached flyer.*

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.

Additional Supportive Information

Giving Hope & Help (GH&H) has four 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 impacted over 50,000 menstruators with donated period products 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 domestic violence shelters and places of refuge. Moving forward, GH&H plans to impact the USA and world by distributing period products from Kansas City, Missouri, the heart of America.

The Giving Hope & Help 11th Annual Feminine Hygiene Product Drive is December 9, 2023. Giving Hope & Help collects year-round and partners with businesses, organizations, companies, etc. to support the NO MENSTRUATOR 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 City, Mexico, Limuru, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, to natural disaster survivors in the Bahamas that were affected by Hurricane Dorian-2019, to survivors of the Ukraine War, 2022, to survivors of the fires in Maui, Hawaii 2023, and to girls/women’s conferences, schools and many more! They purposefully 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 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.



The Founder was inspired to launch this initiative in honor of her late niece, Tiara McCallop, who fought Hodgkin's Lymphoma for six years. Giving Hope & Help partners with Kansas City metro area hospitals to deliver the LOVE Bags 4 Cancer.

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

The LOVE Bags 4 Her and Him initiative supports houseless men and women in need of feminine care/toiletries.

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. The Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program has awarded **One hundred ten scholarships** including **6 FULL-RIDE scholarships** to the Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley to underserved, college bound high school seniors from 2015 to 2023. The organization is seeking sponsorships to support the 2024 Education Is Your Passport Scholarship Program.

4. A Way of Escape from Domestic Violence – Launched June 2023

The life-saving purpose of the Way of Escape from Domestic Violence Initiative is to aide women and clients and residents of domestic violence shelters in the KC metro area with funding and resources to EQUIP, EMPOWER and provide "A Way of ESCAPE from Domestic Violence, leading them to live life to their fullest potential free of violence and abuse.