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MAHONING COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE PRESENTS DONATION ITEMS TO AGENCIES HELPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

(YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio) - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and for the past several years, our office has held a domestic violence awareness drive in order to help victims and organizations in the Mahoning Valley. This year, Mahoning County Prosecutor Gina DeGenova, once again, teamed up with several local schools to collect items benefitting victims of domestic violence. Members of our community along with students from area schools including South Range, Austintown Fitch, and Salem collected nearly **2,000** items. Prosecutor DeGenova highlighted the initiative's success, noting "Over the past three years, we have collected and donated over **17,000** items and thousands of dollars to assist victims of domestic violence. This initiative has brought me in contact with some amazing students and I am honored to have met and worked with them on this project."

Sojourner House and Christina House received the donations on Wednesday, November 30, 2023. The items donated ranged from toiletries to shoes to coloring books and more. A full breakdown of what was donated is listed within this press release. A picture of the items donated along with several participants is attached. Pictured are (left to right): Isabella Caruso (Program and grants coordinator), Audrey Walker (Operations Manager at Sojourner House), Nickie Ostic (Christina House Community Outreach Liaison), Jeannie Sensenbaugher (Case Manager Christina House), Prosecutor Gina DeGenova, Solena DeJesus (South Range High School student and Key Club Co-Leader), Quincy Bailey (South Range High School student and Key Club) Linda Turnage (Judicial Advocate Compass Family and Community Services)

While our donation drive has concluded for this year, these organizations still accept donations. If you are interested in donating to either one of these agencies, please get in touch with them. The contact information is listed below. Organizations are always looking for gift cards to grocery stores, twin sheets with pillowcases, standard-sized pillows, disposable diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, undershirts (all infant sizes), pull-ups, teething rings, bath towels and washcloths, socks of all sizes, personal hygiene products (all kinds), ethnic hair care products, sleepwear (especially plus sizes for women), paper products such as paper plates, toilet paper, and tissues, and cleaning supplies such as bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, and glass cleaner.



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Contact information for Christina, and Sojourner Houses:

Christina House: (330) 420-0036

Sojourner House: (330) 747-4040

List of Donation Items:

97 Sticks of deodorant
160 Types of toothpaste
5 Bottles of mouthwash
19 Flosses
414 Toothbrushes
35 Shampoo, conditioner, and oil
74 Brushes or styling items
45 Miscellaneous toiletries
7 Blankets
155 Body wash, shower, and bath products
47 Baby items
65 Packs of diapers ranging from a 66 pack to 12 pack
163 Baby wipes
108 Packs of socks
66 Towel packs or towel-like items
6 Pairs of children's shoes
19 Baby formulas
63 Clothing items
20 Children activity-related items (coloring books, Activity books, crayons, etc...)
5 Linens and sheets