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Editor's Note

With spring comes new beginnings, and this spring, D.R.E.W. Projects, Inc. experienced something new. We had an outpouring of community support for our Women's Health Initiative ahead of our celebration of Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day), observed annually on May 28th.

HER-story, a high school club at Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School in Los Angeles, California, collected 200 feminine hygiene products on campus. The P.F. Candle Co. team in Commerce, California, worked with their colleagues to gather feminine hygiene products and assemble 62 hygiene kits. And a businessman in Etiwanda, California, donated 1,394 panty liners.

These efforts support our Feminine Hygiene Kit Project, which donates pads, tampons, panty liners, cleansing wipes, etc., to service providers serving women and girls experiencing homelessness. In this season, our team is happy to announce that Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission in the San Fernando Valley area received most of these donations.

It takes a shared community vision to get involved and help provide resources like sanitary products to non-profit organizations serving women and girls. On behalf of D.R.E.W Projects, Inc, our team offers our deepest gratitude to these community ambassadors for stepping up in a HUGE way. Please take a few minutes to read through our community highlights to learn more.



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Adria & Apryle





HER-story club members

HER-story

Q1. How did you hear about D.R.E.W. Projects, Inc.?

A. We heard about DREW Projects Inc by looking for organizations online that accepted feminine product donations. The club HER-story organized a feminine product drive at our school and we collected lots of feminine products, so when we found DREW Projects, we admire your goal and we fell in love with how this organization empowers women!

Q2. How did you decide to get involved with donating feminine hygiene products?

A. As a club we strongly believe that free feminine products should be accessible to all women. Hearing that many women struggle to access basic needs pushed us to create a change in our community by starting a feminine product drive at our school.

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HER-story cont.

Q3. What does 'community' mean to you, your peers, etc.?

A. For us, community means people who live in your neighborhoods that face the same challenges as one. We strive to empower the members of our community and overall create a safer and positive environment.

Q4. What advice would you give someone who wants to make a difference in the community but doesn't know where to start?

A. Some advice I would give is talking to friends, family members, or a trusted adult who might be interested in making a difference or who are willing to support you. When you find a group of people who are interested in making a change and want to support, it makes it easier to start planning ideas of what change you want to implement.

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P.F. Candle Co. Team

It is nice to see businesses get involved in volunteerism. In March, the P.F. Candle Co. leadership team set up a volunteer day for their staff at their headquarters located in Commerce, California. The Kit Assembly event was successful, with both men and women getting involved in creating 62 feminine hygiene kits for women and girls living in shelters or accessing drop-in centers. Thanks to Connie and the leadership team for coordinating this effort. The P.F. Candle Co.'s generosity will make an impact on the community.



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**NO PROJECT,
DONATION, OR
CONTRIBUTION IS
TOO SMALL WHEN
BUILDING BETTER
COMMUNITIES.**

Co-Founders: Apryle Brodie and Adria Brodie

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Apryle Brodie, Co-Founder of D.R.E.W. Projects, Inc., Laurie Craft, Chief Program Officer of Hope of the Valley, and Adria Brodie, Co-Founder of D.R.E.W. Projects, Inc.

Hope of the Valley

This wonderful organization, led by Ken Craft, founder & CEO, and his fantastic team, serves many individuals experiencing homelessness through various programs and services, including shelter. Thank you to Laurie, Shelly, and Grace for working with us to drop off the donations. Check out their [website](#) to learn more about how Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission impacts their community.



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