

D10 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

In observation of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, D10 planned a service/advocacy project with Project Beloved, a non-profit organization founded by Ft Worth, Texas resident, Tracy Matheson in response to her grief over the rape and murder of her daughter, Molly Jane. Among other things, **Project Beloved** provides **Beloved Bundles**, which include simple clothing, underwear, travel size hygiene products and stress-relieving items to sexual assault survivors who have a forensic exam (or rape kit), Project Beloved funds the items for the bundles, and volunteers assemble and deliver bundles locally. Zonta clubs located eligible sexual assault centers and medical facilities in their respective communities that did not have bundles but wanted them. and assembled and delivered the bundles.

In conjunction with this service project, D10 provided a **toolkit** that detailed ways that clubs and members could add an advocacy component to their service project by raising awareness about sexual assault, learning how to support survivors and advocating for applicable laws on the national, state and local level. D10 also hosted a virtual talk with founder, Tracy Matheson, to hear her story, what she has learned about the needs of survivors and the laws she has been influential in passing in Texas to help increase the likelihood that perpetrators will be apprehended. The talk was recorded and shared with clubs.

The 6 clubs listed in the next column along with 11 separate members of the Zonta USA e-club2, conducted Beloved Bundle assemblies for 14 locations around the US with 54 bundles for each assembly for a total of 756 bundles that will support individual sexual assault survivors. In addition, one club and one e-club member donated different items instead at the request of the receiving organizations. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Zonta Club of Parker County and Zonta Club of Fort Worth--Freedom House, Weatherford, TX

Zonta Club of Central Oklahoma--YWCA, Oklahoma City, OK

Zonta Club of Fort Smith--Fort Smith Crisis Intervention Center--also had a speaker from the center at their monthly meeting

Zonta Club of Greater East Texas--Christus Good Shepherd Hospital

Zonta Club of Houston--Bay Area Turning Point, Webster, TX

Zonta Club of Fredericksburg-- 50 bags of other items--Grace Center, Fredericksburg.

Zonta USA e-club2

Sally Rankin, Carol Rainey--Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, Tucson, AZ

Carol Knight--Shafer Center, Hattiesburg, MS

Therese Hartwell--SafeHouse of Shelby County, Pelham, AL; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center, Murfreesboro, TN; Bridges Domestic and Sexual Violence Support, Jackson, TN,

Sharon Hebert, Angie Anderson, Teresa Hernandez and Ayo Cassell--SSM Health at the Midwest City, OK Hospital

Judy Wilson--Grayson Crisis Center Sherman, TX--has bundles and requested hygiene and fidget items

Dalia Lopez and Elaina Cooley--Options, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Hays KS; Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (upcoming)

Kelly McClintock--Domestic & Sexual Violence Support, Nashua, NH--upcoming

Club Assemblies



e-Club Assemblies

