

"God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else. . . God is in this person's life. You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow". (Pope Francis)



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Dearest Friends in Christ:

On behalf of the 1,000+ individuals served annually by the Foundation of HOPE, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your exceedingly generous support of the parish Toiletry Drive for our incarcerated and recently released sisters and brothers. A special word of thanks to the members of our **Parish Service & Outreach Team**, chaired by Marcie Kustra and Anne Wuenschel, for all of their hard work and efforts in organizing this great endeavor.

Over the past three years, we have conducted countless toiletry drives with churches and other various communities of faith. I am so very proud to say that Saint Joseph the Worker Parish raised more items than any other group! You are incredible. . .

* 801 tubes of toothpaste	* 565 deodorant sticks	* 1,025 bars of soap
* 923 toothbrushes	* 475 bottles of hand lotion	* 875 bottles of shampoo

Here's what some of our program participants had to say about your generosity. . .

- *The stuff most folks take for granted, like soap, toothpaste, and deodorant, is impossible to come by on the streets. Having these things makes me feel like a real person once again.*
- *Basic human kindness can be found in a big tube of toothpaste!*
- *I have a big job interview tomorrow and now I can show up fresh and clean and confident!*
- *Now I don't have to choose between my personal hygiene and paying for my prescription medication. Thank you!*
- *It is encouraging to know that people on the outside care about us on the inside.*

At the Foundation of HOPE, we believe in the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. We believe that our past does not define our future. We believe that every individual is a beloved child of God, worthy of respect, mercy, and love. Your donations help to make these beliefs a reality!

Please continue to support our important work and mission through your prayers; know that you and your loved ones have a special place in our daily prayers as well.

God Bless You+

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For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. (Matthew 25:35-36)