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SUBJECT: SOUTH BEND CITY CLERK ON-SITE FOR WOMEN AND BABY TOILETRY DRIVE KICK-OFF MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

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The South Bend City Clerk, Dawn M. Jones, will be present at the New Life Fellowship Church located at **2301 Dubail St., South Bend, IN 46601** on **Monday, January 16th, 2023 (Martin Luther King Day)** from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. to kick off the Women and Baby Toiletry Drive in partnership with the YWCA. Donations of women and baby toiletry items will be accepted at New Life Fellowship due to YWCA offices being closed to celebrate the MLK Holiday. The YWCA is one of the oldest and largest multicultural organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

The YWCA at 1102 Fellows, St, South Bend, IN, will be one of the locations to drop off items beginning Tuesday January 17th through Monday, February 3, 2023. City Clerk, Dawn Jones, has committed herself and the Office of the City Clerk to this drive due to a personal experience in the past that led her to the YWCA to seek shelter for herself and children. It was then that she realized a significant need for women and children toiletry items as they coped with the financial difficulties from leaving an unsafe environment.

Women in need will receive the body wash, soaps, hair care items, cleaning supplies, comforters, diaper bags, diapers, wipes, clothing, and much more.

The goal is to help women as they transition from leaving an unhealthy environment. With the lingering effects of the pandemic, the rising cost of food, housing, and services, we think this will be a perfect opportunity to ease some of the financial burdens on women and their decision on whether to buy basic necessities or pay for food or housing costs. And as they are treated to new everyday items from this drive, they will be introduced or reintroduced to benefits and other resources within our community from the YWCA.

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The Women and Baby Toiletry Drive is scheduled to take place Monday, January 16, 2023, through Monday February 3, 2023, during normal business hours at the YWCA.

Please learn more about this incredible resource in our community by visiting: www.ywcancin.org. And, if you or someone you know needs help, the YWCA is there 24 hours a day. Just pick up the phone and dial or text 1-866-YES-YWCA

With the help of other women, local businesses, and our community, we can make a difference in someone's life.

cc: Mayor James Mueller
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Auxiliary Aid or Other Services may be Available upon Request at No Charge.
Please give Reasonable Advance Request when Possible