



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Your Guide to
Making a Difference in October

www.houseofruth.org/inkind



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Established by Congress in 1989, the month-long observance raises awareness about domestic violence, supports survivors, and educates the public on how to prevent and end it.

For fifty years, House of Ruth has served women, children, and families in Washington, D.C., who have experienced domestic violence and houselessness.

Within this booklet, you will find meaningful ways you can support survivors and House of Ruth's mission.

Did you know that purple is the color for Domestic Violence Awareness Month?





**SUPPORT SURVIVORS.
SUPPORT HOUSE OF RUTH.**

Host an In-Kind Donation Drive

By meeting immediate needs, you help our participants focus on long-term goals like housing and mental wellness.

Our urgent needs include

- Laundry detergent, unscented
- Clinical strength deodorant
- Diapers in sizes 5 and 6
- Pull-ups in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T
- Baby wipes, unscented

Donate Monthly

Domestic Violence Awareness Month comes once a year, but House of Ruth supports women every day, all year. Set up your monthly gift here, www.houseofruth.org/donate-now/

Did you know that you can set up a monthly grant from your donor advised fund? Contact your administrator and provide them: House of Ruth, Washington, DC, EIN: 52-1054102

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Help Us Fill 10 Apartments

When women and families arrive at House of Ruth, the only belongings they have are often the clothes they are wearing. A furnished and well-stocked apartment creates the home where healing can begin.

House of Ruth provides the furniture. **We need your help to fill a home with the essentials—from towels to silverware and from bedding to cleaning supplies.**

This year, help us reach the goal of filling 10 apartments. The wish list has been created. Now all we need is you.

See QR code below. A flyer has been included in this packet.



**Scan the QR code or
visit
<https://a.co/O207Mt7l>
for the wish list**



10 HOMES TO FILL. 1 MONTH TO DO IT.

For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are on a mission to fully supply 10 apartments for survivors starting fresh.

A safe home is more than four walls—it's bed sheets, kitchen supplies, and a fresh start. Every item donated goes directly toward turning empty apartments into secure sanctuaries.

Items Needed:

-  Towels
-  Pillows
-  Silverware
-  Sheets
-  Cleaning Supplies



Scan the QR code or visit
<https://a.co/0207Mt7l> to access
the wish list

IN-KIND DONATIONS GUIDELINES

All in-kind donations must be **new, unused, and in original packaging.**

When a specific brand is listed, we appreciate your efforts to donate that brand. These requests come from our program participants, who have product preferences and sensitivities.

Please donate full sized products. Travel or mini sized products (e.g. toothpaste) cannot be accepted.

Religious publications or materials cannot be accepted.

House of Ruth staff is not available to pick up donations.
You can [schedule your donation drop-off online here](#).

House of Ruth is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Federal Tax ID Number: 52-1054102

Questions? You can find our full wish lists and more details at
<https://houseofruth.org/inkind/>.



INVITE HOUSE OF RUTH TO YOUR EVENT

House of Ruth is honored to partner with our community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **We are available for in-person or virtual events, including:**

- Happy hours
- Lunch and learns
- All-hands staff meetings

If you have something different in mind, let us know. We're happy to explore options that best fit your audience.



Scan the QR code to request House of Ruth:
www.houseofruth.org/eventrequests



HOUSE OF RUTH

House of Ruth empowers women, children, and families to rebuild their lives and heal from trauma, abuse, and houselessness.

Founded in 1976, House of Ruth has been a leading provider of housing and supportive services for women, children, and families experiencing trauma associated with domestic violence, houselessness, mental health, substance use disorder, and poverty in Washington, D.C.

We offer trauma-informed, comprehensive support for women, children, and families. Our continuum of services includes:

- Housing Services through 12 service-enriched housing programs;
- Child and Family Development Center at Kidspace; and
- Counseling Services available at no-cost to anyone residing in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia who has experienced domestic violence.