

Eastern Region Public Service Project FACT SHEET

PROJECT NAME: *The Comfort Closet Project*

RATIONALE: The school system is often times confronted with a large percentage of students struggling to overcome many of the things taken for granted such as access to clothes, school supplies, personal hygiene products, and other simple necessities. The Comfort Closet is a means by which to support the students and their families with these necessities “*with no judgment, no questions, and easy access.*”

PROJECT GOAL: Our goal is to assist those who are struggling to keep their focus in the classroom by providing basic necessities. In a compassionate effort to ensure that all students have access to basic needs, **twenty-seven** Community Schools, in memory of our **27th National President, Cheryl A. Hickmon**, will be equipped with a free store, known as the *Comfort Closet*. Sorors are asked to donate items which will be distributed to those Community Schools. The Comfort Closets will be stocked solely by 100% donations. For sustainability, the schools will be encouraged to strengthen their partnerships with local Delta chapters, individuals, churches, business, and other local organizations to donate items on an ongoing basis.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF TARGETED POPULATION

- **27 Community Schools** will receive donations to establish the Comfort Closet Project
- The selected schools have an approximate student population of 18,000 students
- 65% of students qualify for free or reduce lunch

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Donations can be made on-line via Amazon.com (Wish List) and delivered directly to the schools.
- Links are established for each school
- Ordering deadline: **July 18 - August 15**
- Onsite drop-off at conference site will be available for those who missed the Amazon ordering deadline (Sorors are strongly encouraged to order through Amazon).

LIST of RECOMMENDED ITEMS (Please check the wishlist)

- BABY BLANKETS
- BABY DIAPERS (VARIOUS SIZES)
- BABY SHAMPOO
- BABY WASH
- BABY WIPES
- DEODORANT
- DISINFECTANT WIPES

- DRY LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- DRYER SHEETS
- GIFT CARDS - AMAZON, WALMART, TARGET
- HAND SANITIZER
- HATS (WINTER KNIT HATS YOUTH AND/OR ADULTS)
- MASKS (ADULT AND CHILDREN)
- PANTY LINERS
- PULL-UPS (VARIOUS SIZES)
- SANITARY NAPKINS (VARIOUS SIZES)
- SOAP
- SHAMPOO
- SHAMPOO/2 IN 1 BODY WASH
- SOCKS (ADULTS/CHILDREN)
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- TOOTHPASTE
- UNUSED BOTTLES AND NIPPLES

