

## **Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Narrative 2024**

### **Woman's Club of Lacey, Inc.**

#### **Domestic Violence Shelter Support and Donations**

The Woman's Club of Lacey has a very active committee who work September thru June to support Providence House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence in Ocean County. Items that were most requested are paper towels and baby wipes. The committee set a goal of 100 rolls of paper towels and 50 packages of baby wipes. We collected throughout the year and, of course, reached the goal. We delivery all items to the offices of Catholic Charities so they can be distributed.

Throughout the year, the committee met to create goodie bags for the children living in transitional housing due to domestic violence. They created Halloween Trick or Treat bags, Easter baskets, and Christmas stockings. They filled ten bags with an assortment of goodies including: seasonal lollipops, stickers, drink boxes, candy, pencils, play dough and gel pens.

#### **Personal Care Items**

In October ten knitted Christmas stockings were filled for the clients of Providence House. Items were intended to bring some joy to those who have felt despair. They included: hand lotion, nail polish and nail files, activity books, snacks earrings, and chocolates.

#### **Day of Service**

Day of Service was earmarked in 2024 to support victims of domestic violence. With the approval of our Shore DVP, we delivered all of the items we collected Day of Service requested to Providence House in Ocean County. Our liaison, Laurie O'Toole, Community Affairs and Education manager, thanked us for all the donations: shampoos, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, but especially for the 21 journals and pens. The journals will be distributed to women housed there.

#### **Basket for Club Raffle**

Members of the DSVAP group created three baskets to be raffled off at the general meeting to support the Special Education Fund. The lucky winners received: a turkey platter, table runners, jars of jam and muffin mixes, plates, napkins, pumpkin hand soap, mason jar candles gift card and wine. All that is need for a great Thanksgiving.