

## JULY 2020 News: Making a Difference

### PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS DRIVE GOAL ACHIEVED AND MORE!



Mango ladies continue with summer drives. COVID-19 can't stop this group of dedicated members.







# PCP DRIVE (Personal Care Products)

WHEN: Thur. June 23, 2020

**Thank You!**

Yesterday's PCP Drive was an overwhelming success. In addition to the items collected, we received \$495 in gift cards and \$478 in cash donations. Homeless Youth Initiative works with local schools to provide basic needs, scholarships, and more.

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

GOAL: 1000 Items for Jefferson County Homeless Youth Initiative  
**4771 received**



Personal Care Products Drive collected 4771 items for the Homeless Youth Initiative.

Carol Schanz, PCP Drive Chair, pictured with gift cards and cash donations.



# FORMER HOMELESS YOUTH SHARES HIS STORY



## Daniel Schilling: A success Story

You may recall Daniel Schilling visited our club last year and inspired us all with his determination to succeed. The Leader recently shared his story with the community. Daniel acknowledged that the assistance he received from the Homeless Youth Initiative and their network of volunteers had a great impact on his future. Click the link to July 9th Leader to learn more:

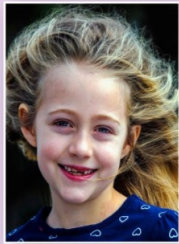
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Visit the Leader at

# ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY PRODUCT DRIVE



## Saint Louis Crisis Nursery Jefferson County Outreach Center



### Family Empowerment Program

Our Family Empowerment Program offers services for families of children birth-age 12. The program is FREE and voluntary for families of Jefferson County. We will offer in home support for your family during a crisis, ongoing parent education and support, community referrals and resources, and assistance with items needed to care for family (basic needs- as available)

The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery also provides FREE crisis care for children ages birth- age 12. There are 5 nurseries available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Nurseries are located in St. Louis, St. Charles, and Wentzville. Children at the Nursery will have access to a medical examination, developmental assessments, therapeutic activities to meet a child's specific situation, 3 well balanced meals and snacks, and fun activities!

For more information on our services please visit us at:

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery  
Jefferson County Outreach Center  
Jessica Boehm  
1400 Highway 61 South  
Festus, MO 63028  
(located inside Mercy Jefferson Hospital)  
314-374-1700 - Please call for appointment  
[JessicaB@crisisnurserykids.org](mailto:JessicaB@crisisnurserykids.org)

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery 24 Hour Helpline: 314-768-3201

Funded by:



## Helping Families in Crisis

Jefferson County is fortunate to have an outreach center for the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, located at Mercy Hospital in Festus. Jessica Boehm from the center was our guest speaker during a recent ZOOM weekly club meeting.

## Optimists Keep on Giving

TCA Optimist product drives continue during the summer months to benefit local groups. These drives have allowed our members to continue to serve the community during this pandemic time.

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## Personal Care and Cleaning Products Drive

**WHEN: Thur. July 23, 2020**

**TIME: drop off 12-1 p.m.**

**PLACE: Poppy's/Quonset Lanes  
parking lot, Crystal City, MO**

**Items Needed:  
Size 4, 5, and 6 Diapers  
Any size Pull-ups  
Baby Wipes  
Cleaning Supplies  
Personal Hygiene Products  
(For CHILDREN and ADULTS)**

**Cash donations  
Accepted/ or  
checks payable  
to Twin City  
Area Optimist  
Club**

**GOAL: 1000 Items for  
St. Louis Crisis Nursery/  
Jefferson County Outreach Center**

## VIRTUAL NOW MEETING

### NOW Meeting via ZOOM

**7 PM, Thursday, July 30th**

Join our virtual NOW (New Optimist Welcome) Meeting. All members are invited to watch as Phyllis interviews members about select projects and how joining the Optimist Club has enriched their lives. We will also share a slideshow of our many projects.



### **"MEAT" AND GREET**

**NOW Meeting via ZOOM**

**7 pm Thursday, July 30th**

To invite guests send their contact information to

**Marsha Greenstreet**

314 277 7840 or

mgreenstreet@sbcglobal.net

by **Thursday, July 16th**

**Guests will be sent  
ZOOM "link"**

## RESPECT FOR LAW

TCA Club will be honoring our men and women in blue differently this year. In upcoming weeks President Phyllis Neff and other club members will personally present an award to each honoree. Watch for photos on our group and public Facebook pages for our "RESPECT FOR LAW" Honorees. We hope to share more information in the August Newsletter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

**Sat. Sept. 19, 2020**

Fall Fundraiser **Mouse Race**  
(subject to COVID-19 restrictions)

For details: Click <https://twincityoptimist.org/fundraisers>



**Sat. Oct. 3, 2020**

Second Annual Take 10 for BB  
(5K Suicide Awareness Walk)

For details: Click <https://twincityoptimist.org/fundraisers>

## JOI CLUB NEWS

JOI Club earned a nice profit of **\$619** from recent TJs PIZZA sales. The proceeds will go towards upcoming BB 5K run/walk. Thanks to everyone who placed orders.



JOI Advisor Katie Huck along with her grandson AJ Huck and John Brennan (BB's uncle) distributed TJ Pizza orders and collected aluminum tabs for the Ronald



McDonald House.



## East Missouri Optimists Zone 10

### Optimists Dusted Off Their Bowling Balls

Zone 10 Optimists met on July 11th for a bowling party. President Phyllis Neff and Jean Naeger (cheerleaders!) represented the club. Four members from SouthSide and three members of Arnold-Imperial Clubs were present. Governor-Elect Liz Christman and a few Imperial-Arnold family members also participated. Lt. Governor-Elect Kurt Warner organized the party. Social distancing and face masks were observed.



**WHERE: QUONSET LANES**  
2004 N TRUMAN BLVD, CRYSTAL CITY, MO 63019

**When: July 11th**  
**9-11 AM**

## ART/SCIENCE PROJECT CONTINUES

### THE LEADER ART/SCIENCE CHALLENGE

sponsored by  
**Twin City Area Optimist Club**  
and **Leader Publications**

**Our club continues partnering with The Leader to  
provide fun projects to keep the kids busy**

throughout the summer. Science/Art projects by local teachers and other members of the community are added every Tuesday and Thursday.



For Details: Click [ART/SCIENCE CHALLENGE](#)

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

## Dime-A-Day

Optimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children. Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts  
Can you spare a **dime a day**?

Send your donation to Mary McDowell or directly to Optimist International.

The Hillsboro Food Pantry wishes to express its appreciation

## Twin City Area Optimist Club

for the recent donation of **\$600.**

Thank You

Thank you from Hillsboro Food Pantry for cash donation.

July 7, 2020

Dear Twin Cities Area Optimists Club,

On behalf of the board and members of the Homeless Youth Initiative we would like to thank you for organizing an amazing donation event on June 25. We received nearly 5000 personal care items as well as cash donations. The enthusiasm and efficiency of your organization is fantastic. We just can't thank you enough, these items are so needed. Thank you for your concern for these youth.

Kindest regards,

Robin Scott  
Elizabeth Check

Thank you from the Homeless Youth Initiative for items, cash and gift



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Pevely, MO 63070-0211

Office: 636.475.3030  
www.jeffersoncountyrscuemission.org

June 24, 2020

Twin City Area Optimist Club  
Fund Raising Account  
PO Box 475  
Festus, MO 63028

Dear Twin City Area Optimist Club,

Thank you for remembering us with your donation of \$1,500.00! You are a great blessing to us. Again, thank you for your concern for the needy who come to us daily for assistance.

We appreciate your very generous support for the Jefferson County Rescue Mission, Inc. In 2019 contributions made the following possible.

- 2,865 food baskets were given, from which 2,930 children and 4,400 adults were fed
- 1,860 kitchen meals were served
- 89 people making crisis calls were helped
- 1,576 people received clothing
- 913 people received referrals to churches and other agencies

Thank you for taking an active approach in assisting the less fortunate of our community. **No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.**

Sincerely,

Louise Sarido  
Executive Director  
Jefferson County Rescue Mission

Established in 1978, the Jefferson County Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization, meeting the needs of men, women and children without regard to race, religion or national origin.

cards.

Thank you from Jefferson County Rescue Mission, Inc. for the cash donation.

## Our creed with a twist:

Promise yourself...

To stay strong and keep your peace of mind,

To talk health, happiness and limit your distance everywhere you go,

To call all your friends just to say hello,

To look in awe at everything around you, knowing it is God's creation and God will protect us,

To think out of the box and know we are doing the best thing for right now,

To be just as enthusiastic about ZOOM as you are about an all-arms bear hug,

To forget watching the daily news and take 5 minutes to list what you are grateful for,

To wear a protective mask at all times and know that this is a short term sacrifice for a long term gain,

To give so much time to staying active, eating healthy and enjoying your safe home, that you don't miss the hustle and bustle of the world,

To be too large for worry, pray about all things,

Too noble for anger, have patience with yourself and others,

Too strong for fear, **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal, search for the facts,

And Too happy to let anyone rain on your parade.

*Phyllis Neff, President 2019 - 2020*

Members meet every Thursday at  
Noon - 1 p.m. via **ZOOM**.

Our Club will continue looking at  
the sunny side of everything and  
being committed to bringing out the  
best in our area youth.





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