

Valley Mary Kay Beauty Consultants Hold Drive to Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence

Chandler, Ariz. (May 20, 2006) – Beginning today through June 30, Valley Mary Kay Beauty Consultants will be collecting new and gently used household items such as linens, bedding and towels for residents at My Sisters' Place, a Catholic Charities program that provides emergency shelter to women and children fleeing domestic violence. They will also be accepting monetary donations and gift cards.

“Our goal is to collect 60 New Home Starter Kits by June 30,” said Judi Johnson, an independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant. “Each New Home Starter Kit will include the necessities for a kitchen, bathroom, laundry room and three bedrooms. Our main objective is to relieve some of the financial burden women face once they leave a domestic violence shelter such as My Sisters' Place and are faced with starting over.”

“Once women are prepared to leave My Sisters' Place they are able to enter our *Pathways* program, which is a transitional housing and life skills education program for single mothers and their children who are homeless because of domestic violence,” said Tom Egan, regional director of Catholic Charities' East Valley service center. “However, due to lack of funding *Pathways* hasn't been able to help as many women and children. Partnering with community groups such as the Mary Kay consultants has become extremely imperative to our programs. Without the support and donations from the community, many of our programs would not exist.”

Since 1985, My Sisters' Place has provided a safe place for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. This program offers wide-ranging comprehensive services to help women regain their independence and live a violence-free life, such as a 24-hour helpline, case management, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, housing referrals, educational groups and victim advocacy.

To learn more about Catholic Charities visit
www.catholiccharitiesaz.org.

For a complete Starter Kit “wish list” and/or to donate money go to: www.newhomestarterkits.org.

Bathroom Starter Kits

- 4 New Bath Towel/Cloth Sets
- 1 Bath Mat
- 1 Vinyl Shower Curtain

Personal Care Products

- 1 Body Wash
- 1 Women's Deodorant
- 1 24-Pack Toilet Paper
- 1 Package Feminine Product
- 1 Shampoo/Conditioner
- 1 Hairspray

Hair Styling Products Including

- African American hair products
- 4 Toothbrushes
- 1 Toothbrush Holder
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Dental Floss/Picks
- 1 Package Disposable Razors
- 1 Sunblock/Sunscreen
- 1 All purpose cleaner

Kitchen Starter Kits

- 1 Can opener
- 1 Toaster
- 1 Coffee Pot
- 1 Dish/Glassware Set For 4
- 1 Flatware Set For 4
- 1 Flatware Drawer Organizer
- 1 Roaster Pan
- 1 Large Kettle With Lid
- 1 Medium Kettle With Lid
- 1 Hand mixer
- 1 Bread Pan
- 1 Cookie Sheet
- 1 Muffin Pan
- 1 Set of Measuring Cups/Spoons
- 5 Food Storage Containers (i.e. Rubbermaid, Tupperware, etc.)
- 3 Kitchen Towels & Cloths
- 1 Dishwasher Detergent
- 1 All purpose cleaner (bath and kitchen)
- 1 6-Pack Paper towels
- 1 Cordless phone

Baby/Infant/Children Starter Kits

- Nursing pads
- Baby Monitors
- Bottles
- Teething toys
- Pacifiers
- Sippy Cups
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- OTC Children's Cold Medicine
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Powder
- Medicine Dropper
- Spoons/Cups
- Wagons
- 1 Pop Up Crib

Laundry Room Starter Kits

- 1 Laundry Detergent
- 1 Bleach
- 1 Clothes Iron
- 1 Ironing Board
- 1 Dryer Sheet Package
- 1 Laundry Basket

Bedroom Starter Kits

- 6 Blankets/Comforters
- 6 Sets Of Sheets/Pillow Cases (All Sizes)
- 6 Pillows
- 1 Clock radio
- 4 Table Lamps
- 2 Packages Of 40W Light Bulbs
- 1 Package AA Batteries
- 1 Journal

Donations will be accepted at the Chandler Center for the Arts South Parking Lot in Chandler on **Saturdays between 8am-12pm ~ June 3, 10, 17, 24 ~ located at 250 N. Arizona Avenue** (NW Corner of Chandler Blvd. & Arizona Ave). Used clothing and large household items may be donated to the Chandler Christian Community Center (CCCC) where our families may pick up items at no cost. **CCCC is located at 345 S. California** just off of Arizona Ave. and Frye and may be contacted at 480-963-1423.