

Showing our love to others

The 2024 LWML Texas District Convention Host Committee selected four wonderful organizations to receive our Gifts from the Heart at the convention in June.

Rainbow Rooms are 24/7 resource centers usually located within local Child Protective Services (CPS) offices. For their safety, many times children are quickly removed from their homes and often leave with only the clothes on their back. In the Rainbow Room, CPS caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect — clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, diapers, and much more. Every item in a Rainbow Room is donated or purchased with monetary donations. Rainbow Rooms provide a ray of hope in a child's life. The Rainbow Rooms that are located throughout our four hosting zones will receive your donations of full-size body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste.

Upbring has residential treatment

programs for girls and home-like shelters for unaccompanied children to meet their physical and emotional needs in their toughest times. Your donations of standard twin sheet sets (fitted, flat, and pillowcase) and matching towel sets (bath, hand, and face cloth) will be given to Bokenkamp Children's Center in Corpus Christi and New Life Children's Center in Canyon Lake. Please, no twin XL size sheets and no white color items.

New Life Refuge Ministries in Corpus Christi provides a REFUGE of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking. Children come hastily with no provisions, and the Refuge helps to provide personal items. The Refuge offers specialized, long-term, therapeutic care where girls can heal and process through their trauma. They provide a home-like setting with normal daily activities including taking the girls to church. Gift cards to Walmart and Amazon are being

collected for them, as their storage space is limited, which allows this organization to purchase items as they are needed.

The Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend offers free and confidential services to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy. This pro-life non-profit offers free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, and a parenting program. They have seen a 35% increase in their parenting program since the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Their parenting classes follow a Learn to Earn model. Your donation of gift cards from Walmart, Target, and HEB will help them purchase diapers, wipes, and other needs for parents in this program who have chosen life for their babies.

Sincerely,

Judy Kunkel
2024 Convention Host Committee
Chairman