

Press Release

Clerk's Office Aids Women's Shelter

Dwight E. Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Collier County announced that the Clerk's Office will participate in a week-long campaign to benefit the Shelter for Abused Women & Children. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the first Monday, October 6th is known as "The Day of Unity."

During the project, scheduled to begin on October 6th, the Clerk's staff will collect household and personal items on the Shelter's "Wish List." Each day a different type of item will be collected by Clerk's staff at each Clerk's department locations. All employees are encouraged to participate, although all contributions are strictly voluntary.

At the end of the project, Dwight will present all donated items on behalf of all employees, to Linda Oberhaus, Executive Director of the Shelter.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Collier County's only certified domestic violence center, provides an array of prevention, education and intervention programs that empower domestic violence victims and survivors, as well as the community, to transform lives and create communities free from abuse.

The Clerk's Office maintains all County court records pertaining to Domestic Violence cases. Approximately 85% of the Clerk's workforce is women.

In 2008, the Clerk's Office was recognized as a *Family Friendly Workplace* by the Naples Alliance for Children for the 9th consecutive year.

The "Wish List" Donation Schedule:

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Suggested Items</u>
Monday, October 6	Personal hygiene items (soaps, toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, etc.)
Tuesday, October 7	Plastic/disposable dinnerware/tumblers; cooking, baking pans
Wednesday, October 8	Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, and facial tissue
Thursday, October 9	Laundry, cleaning and dish detergents
Friday, October 10	Used cell phones, towels, washcloths and bed linens (twin, fitted sheets)

Also, children's (new) clothes and non-violent toys are always welcomed!

To learn more about the Clerk's Office Project go to:

<http://www.collierclerk.com/CourtDivisions/Civil/DomesticViolence>

To learn more about Domestic Violence Awareness month go to:

http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth_134.html

To access local and national resources go to www.CollierClerk.com click on "Court Divisions", then "Domestic Violence".

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