

Kansas City community members responding to border crisis by building hygiene kits

July 17, 2019 – Lenexa, Kansas – Heart to Heart International (HHI) is hosting a Border Crisis Hygiene Kit build tomorrow, **July 18, at 2 p.m.** at its headquarters in Lenexa. An HHI disaster response team recently returned from an assessment visit to towns on the southern border. After meeting with partners and local community leaders, it is clear that there is a continuing need for additional aid, including hygiene kits.

In order to send more kits, HHI is asking the Kansas City community to sign up to volunteer to assemble kits. These kits, which include basic hygiene items, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, will be delivered to respite centers for asylum seekers who have been processed through border control and are on their way to their U.S. sponsors.

Asylum seekers are handed these hygiene kits when they first arrive at a center, and with the supplies included, they can shower and brush their teeth, often for the first time in a long time.

Community members can sign up to build kits by visiting our website, and for those in the community who want to contribute, but cannot attend the event, donations are welcome by **texting HHIBR to 41444** or visiting our website at www.hearttoheart.org.

A member of the Disaster Response assessment team will be at the event to describe her experiences at the border and explain how people can continue to help.

This team member will be available for interviews and media is welcome at the event:
11550 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219.

Heart to Heart International is a nonprofit international health organization with its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas. Since its inception in 1992, HHI has delivered medical aid and supplies worth \$1.8 billion to more than 130 countries, including within the United States. HHI responds to crises and natural disasters both domestically and internationally by supplying medical relief and mobilizing volunteers. The organization is a Charity Navigator 4 star charity, a BBB Accredited Charity and is on the "Philanthropy 400." To learn more, visit hearttoheart.org.

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