



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
THE ORANGES AND SHORT HILLS

Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills Restocks the Orange School District Nurses' Pantries

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Caption: Kristen Fay (JLOSH member) pictured with Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer for the Orange Public School District.

Area: October 27, 2017. In collaboration with 28 Days Project and local dentists, Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) restocked the nurses' pantries of the Orange School District with non-medical wellness essentials.

Many children in our catchment area attend school lacking adequate clothing and other basic needs. The lack of access to these basic items has a detrimental impact in a child's ability to learn and thrive at school. The Nurses' Pantries Program within the Orange School District is a vital resource for children in need. The pantries provide basic items and hygiene products to students who may not otherwise have access to them.

The Orange School District asked JLOSH for assistance in restocking its pantries with feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. 28 Days Project, a local nonprofit that provides feminine products to women in need, generously donated 30 boxes, or 750 pads, to the District. JLOSH also received support from area dentists who have donated toothbrushes and toothpaste. In total, JLOSH is supplying the nurses' pantries with 227 sticks of deodorant, 291 toothbrushes and 240 tubes of toothpaste.

"We are thrilled to once again partner with the Orange School District to ensure students have access to the basic items supplied by the nurses' pantries. We are dedicated to closing the gap to many of the access issues affecting low-income school-aged children in our service area. By providing basic hygiene supplies to the school nurses, students can focus on succeeding in school," said Rosemary Mattson, President of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills.

"Women need access to feminine care products every 28 days. Some women simply cannot afford these products and have to sideline activities, school, or work for a few days of the month. Our mission through 28 Days Project is to provide women in need with feminine care products for a less stressful and more confident period. Partnering with local non-profits like JLOSH keeps us connected to the specific needs in our area and provides a trusted distribution channel to regularly get products into the hands of women," said Jamy Barton, co-founder of 28 Days Project (www.28daysproject.org).

"JLOSH has proven to be a vital partner to the Orange Public Schools District. Their unmeasurable support has afforded us the ability to provide well needed personal products for our students," said Dr. Janet McClouden of the Orange School District.

JLOSH would like to thank Jamy Barton, Co-Founder of 28 Days Project for her engagement and support with our League and in providing critical access for girls and young women in need living in our area. We

also thank Dr. Judith Barker of Short Hills Smiles and Dr. Nadia Majeed of Precious Pearls Pediatric Dentistry for their donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes for the Orange School District.

28 Days was founded on the premise that women need access to affordable feminine products – every 28 days – and that no woman needs to feel financial or emotional burdens by simply being female. 28 Days provides feminine products to women in need – to create a less stressful and more confident period.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is an organization of women developed as civic and community leaders creating lasting community impact. JLOSH provides service to children living in East Orange, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, Short Hills, South Orange, Springfield and West Orange, and reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. To learn more about JLOSH, visit www.jlosh.org or find it on Facebook.

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