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WAUKESHA COUNTY COORDINATES DONATIONS OF PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY SHELTERS

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Today volunteer pilots are flying much needed hygiene supplies in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Waukesha County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) helped coordinate the donation of personal hygiene kits and diapers from Jake’s Diapers, Inc. to help address immediate needs for individuals and families currently residing in community shelters during the COVID-19 pandemic. The delivery of these important supplies was made by a volunteer pilot who flew them in from Little Chute on Friday afternoon.

“This donation will help meet the basic necessities for people in need during this public health emergency,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “We are very grateful to Jake’s Diapers for their generous donation and to the pilots who volunteered to get these items here. I’m proud of our community for coming together in these critical moments.”

The donated kits include deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and lip balm. Additional donated items, such as, razors, shaving cream, mouthwash, and women’s sanitary products.

“We are happy to supply these often overlooked, but much-needed items during this crisis,” said Stephanie Bowers with Jake's Diapers. “It is our mission to serve our most vulnerable populations.”

The Waukesha County EOC has also been collaborating with community partners including the Housing Action Coalition, United Way, NAMI Waukesha, The Hope Center and Waukesha Food Pantry to move some community shelter residents into hotels. Since most community shelters do not have the space to achieve social distancing, utilizing the hotels will allow for residents to maintain safe distances as recommended by public health officials.

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