

Hummingbird Ministry

Wish List

Domestic violence victims usually enter a shelters with nothing, in some cases not even the clothes on their backs. When Katy Christian Ministries volunteers pick them up at area hospitals and police stations, they must make provision for their immediate needs before transporting them to area shelters. Items that victims need are simple things we all take for granted and usually have on hand. **It is the goal of the Hummingbird Ministry to provide resources to persons who have chosen to leave a violent relationship and rebuild their lives through partnership with Katy Christian Ministries Domestic Violence Program and area shelters.**

ONGOING NEEDS:

Scrubs and fleece (sizes small—2X); fleece throw blankets; small pillows; baby items (diapers, lotion, shampoo, etc.); backpacks or small duffel bags; Bibles (Spanish or English); Hygiene supplies (travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, shower cap, Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, deodorant, lotion, hand sanitizer); used cell phones with chargers; professional services (counseling, legal)

*We also accept gift cards to area stores. Gift cards help provide resources not otherwise available at resale shops and area social services. Please note the amount on the back of the gift card (\$10-\$50) . All donations may be delivered to our table in Friendship court or to **Sheri Kelley** in the church office.*

Walmart, Target, Kroger, HEB, Payless Shoes, Gas stations in the Katy area, Phone cards

Hope Love Peace





A Hummingbird Story

One day a terrible fire broke out in a forest — a huge woodlands was suddenly engulfed by a raging wild fire. Frightened, all the animals fled their homes and ran out of the forest. As they came to the edge of a stream, they stopped to watch the fire and they were feeling very discouraged and powerless. They were all bemoaning the destruction of their homes. Every one of them thought there was nothing they could do about the fire, except for one little hummingbird.

This particular hummingbird decided it would do something. It swooped into the stream and picked up a few drops of water and went into the forest and put them on the fire. Then it went back to the stream and did it again, and it kept going back again and again and again. All the other animals watched in disbelief; some tried to discourage the hummingbird with comments like, “Don’t bother, it is too much, you are too little, your wings will burn, your beak is too tiny, it’s only a drop, you can’t put out this fire.”

And as the animals stood around disparaging the little bird’s efforts, the bird noticed how hopeless and forlorn they looked. Then one of the animals shouted out and challenged the hummingbird in a mocking voice, “What do you think you are doing?” And the hummingbird, without wasting time or losing a beat, looked back and said, “I am doing what I can.

~Nobel Peace Laureate Wangari Maathai, 2006

The Hummingbird Challenge: Hummingbirds have long been a symbol of hope, wisdom, courage, and unwavering determination. Your challenge is to be like the hummingbird in your church community and do whatever you can to help others who face overwhelming problems.

It is the goal of the MDUMC Hummingbird Ministry to provide resources to persons who have chosen to leave a violent relationship and rebuild their lives through partnership with Katy Christian Ministries Domestic Violence Program and area shelters. Please be like a Hummingbird and join us in dealing with this growing problem through your prayers, donations, and by supporting community activities and educational opportunities.