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Dear UTSA Vagina Monologues Committee,

Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (FVPS) has operated in Bexar County since 1977, providing a comprehensive array of services to adult and child victims of domestic violence. FVPS’ mission is to break the cycle of violence and to strengthen families by providing the necessary tools for self-sufficiency through delivery of emergency shelter, transitional housing, education, effective parenting education, and specialized intervention with youth and the elderly. FVPS operates the Battered Women and Children’s Shelter, which offers:

- 24-hour crisis intervention
- Individual and group counseling for adults and children
- Legal Services
- On-site school (Pre-K thru Grade 12)
- On-site primary medical and dental care
- On-site adult education programs, including basic literacy, computer literacy, and financial literacy
- Transitional housing services
- Parenting education

FVPS also offers legal services, counseling, parenting education, and batterer intervention services in a non-residential setting, at its 7911 Broadway location. The organization serves more than 1,600 adults and children annually at the Battered Women and Children’s Shelter, and more than 5,000 individuals each year with its non-residential programs. Clearly, many of these families have been rendered homeless by domestic violence, and approximately 85% of the families FVPS serves have annual incomes of less than $15,000.

We are so appreciative of your willingness to assist us with collecting items for the families we serve. Items that are always needed include:

- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, razors, hair care products, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Household items (dishes, kitchen utensils, storage bins, laundry baskets, etc.)
- Car seats and strollers
- Towels and sheets
- Any household furnishings and electronics (for families transitioning out of emergency shelter)
- Toys, books, games, etc. for children, especially during the holidays and for older children and teenagers.
- Gift cards to stores where basic necessities, gas, holiday gifts, etc. can be purchased

Again, thank you so much for helping us serve some of our community’s most vulnerable members. You are truly making a difference.

Sincerely,

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