



Intero Real Estate Foundation and Interio Real Estate Services Support Two Major Grateful Garment Project Initiatives

Intero Real Estate Foundation has recently awarded The Grateful Garment Project \$10,000 to help fund their Youth Incentive Program.

SAN JOSE, CA, UNITED STATES, September 28, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- San Jose, CA, September 28, 2017 – [The Grateful Garment Project](#) announced that [Intero Real Estate Foundation](#) and Interio Real Estate Services are providing major support for two of its most important projects.

Intero Real Estate Foundation has recently awarded The Grateful Garment Project \$10,000 to help fund their Youth Incentive Program. In addition, Interio Real Estate Services will partner with The Grateful Garment Project's [Operation emBRACE](#), which has the goal of collecting 20,000 sports bras to distribute to victims of sexual violence.

"The Interio Real Estate Foundation is a proud supporter of both of these programs. We have been so impressed with the amazing work The Grateful Garment does in our community," said Lana Morin Pierce, President, Interio Real Estate Foundation. "The Interio Real Estate Foundation has been blessed to be able to provide numerous grants to The Grateful Garment through the years, thanks to the generosity of our agents and staff."

The funds received from the Interio Real Estate Foundation will allow The Grateful Garment Project to expand a pilot program that already has proved highly successful in encouraging adolescent victims to return after their initial forensic examination. The grant will allow The Grateful Garment Project to purchase gift cards to be used as incentives to motivate adolescent victims to return for vital follow-up services.

"Young people often lack the emotional maturity and understanding required to comprehend the importance of follow up counseling appointments," said The Grateful Garment Project Executive Director, Lisa J. Blanchard. "The repercussions of untreated sexual violence in adolescents and teens materializes in a myriad of ways including depression, PTSD, self-harming, eating and sleep disorders, substance abuse, dissociation and suicide."

Interio Real Estate Services will be running awareness and sports bra collection drives in their Northern California locations. A listing of local Interio Real Estate Services offices can be found at www.interiorealestate.com

Often, an individual who has been sexually violated is asked to surrender their clothing for evidence during the forensic examination so the clothing can be processed. Without new clothing available, many times these victims are provided hospital scrubs or gowns to wear home. These new bras will be made available at the hospitals where forensic examinations (aka rape kits) are completed.

"Sports bras are an essential part of returning dignity to victims of sexual violence," said Ms. Blanchard. "However, they also are the least donated and most needed item we have. Sports bras

provide the right level of comfort for victims who might have injuries.”

About The Grateful Garment Project

The Grateful Garment Project’s mission is to restore dignity to the victims of sexual violence, and was originally started in 2011 as a Capstone Graduation Project for founder Lisa J. Blanchard’s undergraduate degree. During a chance conversation with a stranger at a women’s retreat, she learned that once a victim of sexual violence undergoes a SART exam (aka "Rape Kit"), she or he is often asked to surrender clothing for forensic evidence, leaving the victim with nothing to wear home except a disposable hospital gown or paper scrubs. Blanchard decided to start a clothing closet for the Santa Clara County SART facility located at Valley Medical Center in San Jose. Before her five-week project came to a close, she was approached by a representative from Santa Cruz County pleading for the same type of assistance. Thus, The Grateful Garment Project, as a nonprofit organization, was born. The Grateful Garment Project now provides resources to sexual violence service providers throughout California.

Leah Michelle Taylor
The Grateful Garment Project
408.753.9362
email us here

This press release can be viewed online at: <http://www.einpresswire.com>

Disclaimer: If you have any questions regarding information in this press release please contact the company listed in the press release. Please do not contact EIN Presswire. We will be unable to assist you with your inquiry. EIN Presswire disclaims any content contained in these releases.

© 1995-2017 IPD Group, Inc. All Right Reserved.