



# Help Support Our Humanitarian Project

**Beverly Torain** - Humanitarian Ambassador

Hello, NAPS family! During our Carolinas Bi-State leadership meeting in November 2021, we wanted to establish a humanitarian project. We decided on providing dignity bags for some of the homeless population in New Orleans, the site of our 2022 National Convention.

We began our journey by sharing our vision with attendees at the Capitol-Atlantic Area States Convention in May 2022. This group consisted of members from North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, DC and Virginia. Everyone was excited about the project and the opportunity to help those in need.

Emails and letters were sent to Eastern Region Vice President Richard Green, Capitol-Atlantic Area Vice President Troy Griffin and the Eastern Region NAPS branches, telling them about our project and asking for their participation. In July 2022, we began procuring items for the bags and chose a facility.

In August, we shipped the items to the convention host hotel in New Orleans. On Saturday before the start of the convention, we prepared over 300 dignity bags. The bags were distributed to three different shelters — one male, one female and one for children.

The funds used to secure the bags and items were donated by a majority of NAPS members living in the East. We made our report to convention delegates on

Tuesday, after which some of our ambassadors were approached by convention delegates, asking how they could help with future humanitarian efforts.

As a result of those inquiries, it was decided that, for the 2024 National Convention in Connecticut, 500 dignity bags would be assembled and distributed. We called and you answered!

But, instead of assembling dignity bags, we decided to collect funds and, after researching shelters in the area, supported Saint Vincent de Paul Place. Shelter Director Jillian Corbin was overjoyed with what our NAPS family did to support them.

The shelter now not only houses the homeless, but also offers job skills training, meals, showers, clothes and so much more. Jillian attended the convention to express her gratitude.

This year, once again, we are asking you to help the community we will be visiting this August when we travel to San Francisco for the national convention. Won't you please help us help those less fortunate?

We are asking each NAPS branch to donate \$100 toward this worthy cause. We also are asking that each state branch donate \$200. Imagine the impact we could have in San Francisco!

Funds can be sent via check or money order to Humanitarian Project, PO Box 478, Newell, NC, 28126. In the memo line, please write, "Humanitarian Project." Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

With sincere appreciation, the Humanitarian Ambassadors:

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**Phoebe Jordan**, Carolinas Bi-State Branch 936

**Rene Hulin**, Columbia, SC, Branch 225

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