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A Note from our Executive Director

Friends, we've been providing quality personal hygiene items to our community for 5 years. FIVE YEARS! We started so small, faced some significant challenges, and have grown to a point where this year we were able to file and achieve official 501c3 status with the State of Michigan!

Now that we're officially a non-profit organization, we have to work even harder to make sure we're doing everything we can to provide quality hygiene items in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and homes. We continue to be overwhelmed with support and consideration for our cause, and with that comes gratitude that runs deep.

We try really hard to make sure our guests are welcomed, feel appreciated and understood, and have access to quality products. Our volunteers range in age from 14 to 82 and have so much energy and enthusiasm. We continue to have our registration team of Pam and Connie who remember peoples' names every single month and move the line so efficiently! We've welcomed new volunteers who have been consistently positive amidst the chaos. And our newly formed Board of Directors is making decisions to secure our future.

2024 was about growth. We grew in size, impact, and confidence. Our guests grew in number and with that we grew in our expenses. Our monthly expenses are currently at an all time high due to wildly increased growth and impact. Rest assured we are seeking out donations and grants, but while those things process and move through the cycle, we are going back to basics and asking you to consider us for your charitable donation. Each month we spend over \$3500 to put on our pantry. So, imagine, if you will, what your donation would provide. A weekly gift of \$10 is \$520 in

Director: Mel Solle
Asst. Director: Kaylyn Nykamp
Volunteers: Pam, Connie, Joel

Youth Council Members: Ava, BJ, Bryan, Emmett, John, Lillian, Lily, Maddie, Malia, Mollie, Sofie, Will and Zach

Youth Council Alumni: Abbe, Carly, Garrett, Jack, Josie, Kate, Megan, Noah, Renee, Rowan, and Sarah

a year! That's a huge gift! Now imagine if 50 of you did that. That's \$26,000! That covers more than half of 2025!

I am the absolute worst person to ask for money. I get it, everything costs a lot. Everyone is impacted by increased costs we have no control over. For the sake of our community, I'm asking you to really consider Take Two. We think we're worth \$10 a week. We think your neighbors, co-workers, and friends are worth at least \$10 a week.

We're facing unprecedented need in 2025 with families impacted significantly. Everyone is vulnerable. Let's work together to give dignity, confidence, and hope to our community.

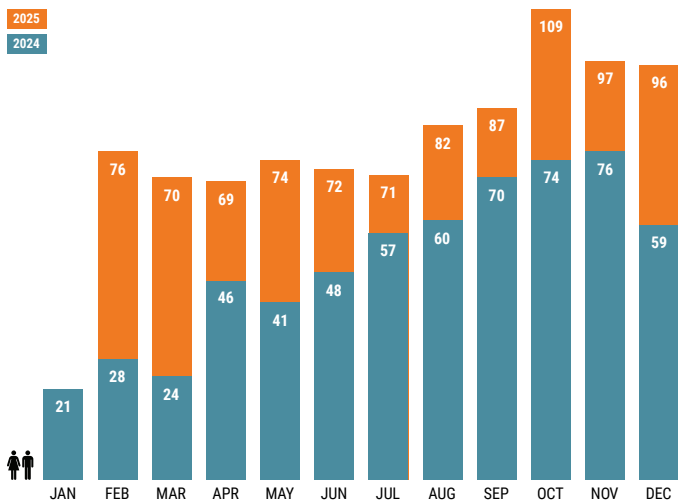
2024 Highlights

- Ongoing relationships with Seymour Church, Alger Middle School, Kent County Health Department Maternal/Infant Health Division, and Safe Haven Ministries.
- Securing a \$1000 grant, from Classis Grand Rapids East.
- Successful Toile-tree campaign—collecting over 1600 items from 4 locations.
- Official non-profit status secured.

Generosity Highlights

- 11** Pantries (canceled January due to weather)
- 27** Exit kits provided to Safe Haven Ministries
- 37** Volunteers who helped at least twice in 2024
- 109** Families at October Pantry
- 688** households served in 2024
- 1,545** Pkgs of tampons & pads handed out in 2024
- 1,553** Deodorants handed out

Caring For Our Community



Since 2024, we've expanded our support across Kent County, growing from 485 families to 688—a 42% increase!

Did You Know?

Take Two was started in January of 2020 and thought that it wasn't going to make it through the COVID pandemic. Instead, Take Two thrived and is now serving over 100 families most months.

Want to Volunteer?

We are always looking for volunteers, whether on our monthly pantry day, sorting and organizing our supplies, or helping us shop. Reach out to us by email or by visiting our website and we'll get back in touch with you!



Contact Information:

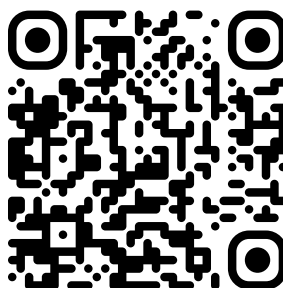
Attn: Take Two
Seymour Christian Reformed Church
840 Alger St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
501(c)(3) nonprofit

Why Invest in Take Two?

Do you recall during the initial months of COVID when there was a massive run on toilet paper because of fears of running out. Imagine that feeling every single month with regard to hygiene items, particularly period products. One of the things that makes us unique is we try to give people two of every item category (we have 9 categories). This is particularly difficult and expensive, but allows people to feel like they aren't going to run out. Ironically, having an extra box of tampons or bottle of shampoo on your shelf gives you confidence. We are always seeking partnerships for our 24/7 pantry boxes or various donation campaigns.

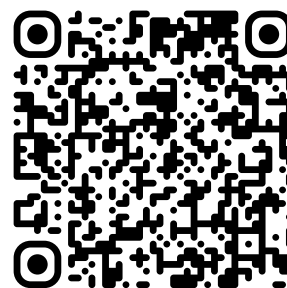
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Make a Donation through Take Two's website[†]



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