

First Lady Jane Beshear Urges Kentuckians to participate in ‘Shop & Share Day’

Annual drive will be held Feb. 4 to support Kentucky Domestic Violence Association shelters

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 12, 2012) – First Lady Jane Beshear today joined anti-domestic violence advocates to urge Kentuckians to volunteer and participate in the annual “Shop and Share Day” on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012. “Shop and Share Day” is a one-day drive to gather goods and necessities for domestic violence shelters across Kentucky. The initiative supports victims and their children.

“All of us are aware of the appalling crime of domestic violence, and many Kentuckians have had friends or family members who have been victims themselves,” Mrs. Beshear said. “However, many Kentuckians are unaware of the struggles that shelters face to provide victims with the everyday goods they need to help get back on their feet. By volunteering their time or donating goods on ‘Shop and Share Day,’ Kentuckians can easily offer a positive influence on victims’ lives.”

The drive will be held at Kroger stores across Kentucky from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, 13 Food City stores in Eastern Kentucky will collect donations for the first time this year. Volunteers at each store will provide a list of items needed at the shelters, such as canned foods, school supplies, toilet paper and soap. Monetary donations will also be accepted. To sign-up as a volunteer, visit <http://firstlady.ky.gov/Pages/shopshare.aspx>.

All collected contributions will be given to Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (KDVA) shelters throughout the state.

Joining Mrs. Beshear today to help encourage participation in “Shop and Share Day” were fellow anti-domestic violence advocates Madeline Abramson, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, Dr. Alex Gerrasimides, Mary Karen Stumbo, Ann Perkins, board president of KDVA. Additionally, members of the Girl Scout Troop 377 were in attendance to show support for their organization’s involvement in the project. Kentucky girl scouts will receive a special “Shop and Share” patch for volunteering in this effort.

Organizational partners for the 2012 Shop and Share Day include the First Lady’s office, KDVA, Kroger, Food City, Kentucky Commission on Women, the Kentucky Federation of Women’s Clubs, the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana and the Girl Scouts of Kentucky’s Wilderness Road Council.