

Press Release

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Piedmont Softball and Law Enforcement Team Up Dress for Success Program Helps Domestic Violence Victims

The Piedmont High School softball team has joined with law enforcement in Piedmont, Oakland and nearby cities to help victims of domestic violence.

The *Dress for Success* Program provides clothing for women, men and children of all ages, including shoes, maternity clothing and diapers. In addition, the program provides personal care items such as shampoo, lotion, hair care products, make up and toothpaste.

Victims of domestic violence are often displaced, and forced to flee with only the clothes on their back. Local shelters and law enforcement agencies lack resources to provide clothing and personal care items. The *Dress for Success* Program seeks to fill this vacuum.

The Piedmont High softball team is asking their fans and families to please help victims of domestic violence get back on their feet. Donation bins to collect clothing and unopened personal care items will be placed at Witter Field for softball home games on Friday, April 22 vs. Arroyo High and Thursday, May 5th vs. San Lorenzo High.

The Dress for Success Program began as a partnership between the Oakland Police Department and the Cal women's softball team and is expanding to other teams in the area. All contributions received are directed to local domestic violence shelters.