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"STOP THE SPREAD" WEEKEND DISTRIBUTES 1200 COVID-19 SAFETY KITS!

Launched on February 26th in Proviso Township in collaboration with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission, and again on Saturday, February 27th in Chicago's Austin community with U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis and Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, the Monroe Foundation distributed over 1200 COVID-19 "Safety Act" kits to agencies serving individuals with disabilities, in domestic violence shelters, and individuals recently released from Cook County Jail and their families and most "at-risk" of COVID-19 contact. "STOP THE SPREAD" is a weekend campaign of the Monroe Foundation, funded by grants from HEKTOEN (Proviso Township), and ICJIA to distribute supplies at "STOP THE SPREAD" corners, "L" Stops and testing/vaccination engagements coming up through 2021.

Proviso Township agencies receiving "kits" include:

- (1) Amita Health: Requested 140;
- (2) Seguin Residential Support: 500;
- (3) Housing Forward (Homeless): 60;
- (4) Youth Services Proviso: 100;
- (5) Township: 100. Total Kits: 900

"We're very fortunate to have a partner like The Monroe Foundation in our community," said Proviso Township Mental Health Commission Board President Mike Corrigan and Township Supervisor. "Partnerships like this are vital to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the community and ensuring that residents and social service providers stay safe. The Foundation has a very active lead role in embracing the community in providing education, supplies and other resources in the fight against COVID-19."

Paul A. Labonne, chairman of the Monroe Foundation's Board of Directors, and CRA Office for PNC, Illinois, stated, "PNC is committed to community and workforce development by also ensuring communities are healthy".

PNC provided funding that enabled the project to hire and train the formerly incarcerated to educate incarceration impacted individuals and their families recently released from Cook County Jail, on COVID-19 spread prevention, testing and vaccination, with a focus on North Lawndale and Village of Maywood. Marquette Bank is supporting a similar workforce project in Englewood.

For information on upcoming "STOP THE SPREAD" locations, email name, phone and email to: omonroe@themonroefoundation.org



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