



WOMEN IN DISTRESS™
OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.

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Cell Phone Drive Info:

Recycling cell phones helps the environment by saving energy and keeping useable and valuable materials out of landfills and incinerators. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, more than 100 million cell phones are no longer used. If we recycled all of them, we would save enough energy to power 194,000 U.S. homes for a year. GRC Wireless is supporting Women In Distress' efforts by encouraging their employees to donate and recycle cell phones as a part of their company's dedication to supporting efforts that are good for the environment. Your company can do the same!

Throwing away a cell phone could hurt the environment - Women In Distress asks you to put that old phone to good use instead. Phones will be used for emergency purposes and Women In Distress will receive money for phones turned in to our fundraising and logistics partner, Shelter Alliance. Shelter Alliance will either recycle the phone or refurbish and redistribute the handset. The money raised directly supports domestic violence victims, including the Women In Distress 24-hour crisis line, an emergency shelter for women and children, adult and children's counseling, babysitting, advocacy, case management, professional training and community education.

Women In Distress raises approximately \$30,000 annually from cell phone donations and hopes to surpass that this year. This really is a terrific way for companies to get involved in the community and support local victims of domestic violence.

WID has made it simple for businesses to show their support and join the effort. WID will provide them with necessary materials encouraging clients and employees to bring in old cell phones and suggests that companies arrange for a designated office drop-off box (an empty copy paper box is perfect) and set a goal of collecting at least 50 phones. WID will arrange for free shipping or businesses can bring the phones to the Jim and Jan Moran Family Center at 1153 South Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, Mondays through Thursdays 9 AM-9 PM, Fridays 9 AM-5 PM. For more information on the Cell Phone Donation Drive, please contact Cynthia Coutard at cccoutard@womenindistress.org.