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December 2022 Newsletter

## Suitcase to Start needs a new home

At the end of this month, we will have no space to store our inventory for the Suitcase to Start program. This program provides basic necessities for teens aging out of foster care or entering college to move into their own place. We have worked with CASA Jackson County, Missouri; CASA Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, Kansas; Amethyst Place; and Hillcrest Transitional Housing. To date, Suitcase to Start has assisted over 75 young people.

This is a strong and vital program of NCJW and desperately needs space to store items for the program. **If anyone knows of a storage unit or office space, or has any connection to storage,** please notify Carla Oppenheimer at [coppenheimer@kc.rr.com](mailto:coppenheimer@kc.rr.com).

## December community service project

For our December community service project, we have chosen to volunteer at Pleasant Green Baptist Church through their Holiday Dinner program. They are part of the United Prayer Movement, founded in 1970 and composed of volunteers from various faiths, and this is a hunger relief outreach program.

The Holiday Dinner program has grown to be able to provide 2,700 meals delivered to an average of 850+ families by 600+ volunteers from 60 different churches, synagogues, and community organizations.

**December 25.** Questions? Please contact Sharon Mallin at [smallin3@gmail.com](mailto:smallin3@gmail.com).

## Light up a life!

Please keep an eye out for your Light Up a Life letter. The annual Light Up a Life campaign is NCJW Greater Kansas City section's largest and final request of the year to bring in the funds we need to keep our important programs going. Choose to LIGHT UP A LIFE!

[Learn more >](#)

Thank you to Sonny Singer, Kelly Somberg, Ellen Dalen, Ellie Penner, and Susan Waxman for their help preparing this year's Light Up a Life mailing.



## Newly formed retirees and empty nesters groups to meet

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**a.m.** at the Panera Bread located at 11751 Nall Ave., Leawood, KS. Please let Retirees Group Leader Nancy Kalikow Maxwell ([nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com) or 954-260-7696) know if you plan to be there.

The Empty Nesters group will meet for the first time on **Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Burg and Barrel, 5408 W 151st St., Leawood, KS. Please let Empty Nesters Group Leader Stephanie Herman ([sjherman@mac.com](mailto:sjherman@mac.com) or 913-579-4410) know if you plan to be there.

Please also let Nancy know if you have ideas for other NCJW-KC Section groups that could be formed.

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## Next *Lilith* magazine discussion group on January 8

Hold the date for the next virtual meeting of the NCJW-KC Lilith [salon](#) on **Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.** Central Time. Based on [Lilith](#), the quarterly Jewish women's magazine that calls itself "independent, Jewish, and frankly feminist," Lilith salons provide an opportunity for readers to discuss one or two provocative articles from each issue.

Our selected articles are accessible online and the salon is free and open to any NCJW member. To find out what articles we'll be discussing and receive the Zoom link, contact Nancy Kalikow Maxwell at [nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com) or 954-260-7696.

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