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Flider Launches Cell Phone Drive to Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence

Public Urged to Donate Used Cell Phones at Several Locations

DECATUR – State Rep. Bob Flider (D-Mount Zion) announced Thursday that he and Verizon Wireless are holding a cellular phone drive to support the company’s national HopeLine program to benefit domestic violence victims. The drive, which will run from May 8th through June 1st, will collect used cellular phones at several locations throughout Flider’s 101st District.

“I have been proud of the previous efforts that Verizon and I have shared to help support the victims of domestic violence,” Flider said. “The HopeLine Program offers the victims of domestic violence a crucial line of communication to utilize in case they come into contact with their abuser. Many of us use cell phones to call for help in emergencies, and with the resources generated through the donated phones, victims will be able to call police or family members in case the abuser threatens the safety of the victim or their family.”

According to Verizon Wireless, since HopeLine’s national phone recycling and re-use program was launched in 2001, Verizon Wireless has collected more than 4.5 million phones, distributed more than 60,000 phones with more than 160 million minutes of free wireless service to be used by victims of domestic violence. In addition, the company has properly disposed of more than 1 million no-longer-used wireless phones in an environmentally sound way.

“Domestic violence is a problem that we need to continue addressing, and the cell phones that we collect can help victims of domestic violence feel a sense of security and provide them with an important tool to use in emergency situations,” Flider said. “I am very excited to work with Verizon Wireless on this project and hopefully, with collection locations in place around my district, we can help advance their goals of assisting as many victims as possible.”

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Flider/Cell Phone Drive/Cont’d.

Donations will be accepted at the following locations through June 1st:

Rep. Bob Flider's Office

132 S. Water, Suite 100
Decatur

Decatur Family YMCA

220 W. McKinley Ave.
Decatur, IL 62526

Dalton City Village Hall

140 W. Freeland St.
Dalton City, IL 61925

Mt. Zion District Library

115 W Main St
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Argenta-Oreana Public Library

100 Route 48
Oreana, IL 62554

Arthur Public Library

225 S. Walnut St.
Arthur, IL 61911

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library

2 W. Water St.
Sullivan, IL 61951

For more information, or to volunteer as a drop-off location, please contact Flider's district office at (217) 428-2708.

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