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30th Annual Health and Hygiene Drive Provides Critical Necessities to Milwaukee Area Agencies

Milwaukee— On any given day in Milwaukee County, there are around 900 people who are considered homeless, according to WTMJ radio. For the past 30 years, The Milwaukee Area Labor Council has raised thousands of dollars and collected thousands of products during the annual Health and Hygiene Drive.

After a 2 month collection period, supplies have been sorted and distributed to 21 area agencies who serve community members that need it most. This year's drive totaled \$15,000 in health and hygiene products including diapers, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo and conditioner, among many others that have been donated by local unions, union members, community groups, and community activists.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to open our Union Hall every year as a drop-off location," said Alex Tetzlaff, Business Manager for Operating Engineers Local 420. "The Health and Hygiene Drive makes such an important impact on our local community. The proud union members of Local 420 are always willing to give what they can for those in need."

Among the products donated, Carmex supplied the Drive with over 1,000 tubes of lip balm and Dental Associates contributed over 640 dental hygiene kits.

"When struggling to keep food on the table it is even harder to buy personal care items. Getting the personal care items makes all the difference in the world," said Bernadette Arellano, from the Milwaukee Christian Center. "Receiving hygiene items helps individuals and families maintain their dignity. Thank you for all you do to help support the needs of our families."

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