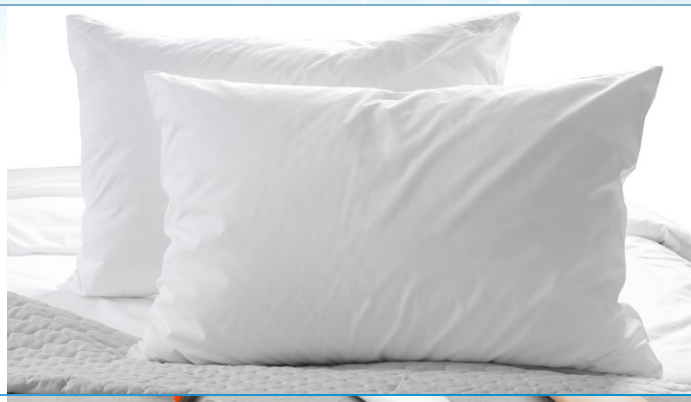
# M&B Cares – A Year in Review

***While in-person volunteer opportunities were limited due to COVID-19 considerations, our team at Moss & Barnett found other ways to give back to our communities and engage in acts of service. Our M&B Cares initiative led the following service projects in 2022:***

## Pillow Drive for Bridging

bridging.org

Imagine sleeping without a pillow? Thousands of families and individuals face this situation every day. M&B Cares partnered with Bridging to collect new and gently used pillows and pillow cases, as well as cash donations and direct donations, to meet this need in our community.



## Breaking Free Drop In Center

breakingfree.net

During the month of July, 2022, M&B Cares held a personal hygiene products drive to benefit Breaking Free's Drop In Center. Breaking Free's mission is empowering survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution to build new lives through safe housing, direct services, effective healing programs, survivor advocacy, worldwide policy change, and hope. One component of the services they provide is their Drop In Center where they provide the basic needs including safety planning, a place to rest, showers, and food.

## Chili Cookoff in Support of Children's Law Center of Minnesota

clcmn.org

On November 2, 2022, the M&B Cares Committee hosted a Chili Cook Off to benefit the Children's Law Center of Minnesota (CLC) Foster Kids Duffle Bag Drive. Kids in foster care move around a lot so CLC makes sure that every new child client also receives a new duffel bag full of necessities.

Pictured from left to right: Katie Daugherty, Maureen Montpetit (our Chili Cookoff winner), Jana Deach, Carrie Diaz, Taylor Sztainer, Jodi Newsom, Phil Rush

## Hope Academy Christmas Book Giveaway

hopeschool.org/christmasbooks

M&B Cares purchased and gift wrapped copies of two books, *Just Mercy* and *The Hiding Place: Corrie Ten Boom*, for the 8th grade students at Hope Academy. Hope Academy is a private inner-city school serving over 700 K-12 students in the Minneapolis area.