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**TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® Partners with the Jacksonville Zoo
For Movers for Moms® Collection Drive to Help Mothers in Shelters
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Community-Supported Program Aids Moms in Crisis on Mother's Day

Jacksonville, FL, April 30, 2019 — Though Mother's Day is intended to be a joyous occasion for women across the country, thousands of moms will be overlooked on this special holiday because they live in shelters as a result of domestic abuse or homelessness.

To ensure moms in crisis receive the love and appreciation they deserve this Mother's Day, TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® Jacksonville is partnering with the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens to host its Movers for Moms® collection drive to provide critical gifts to local women staying in community shelters this spring.

The Jacksonville moving company is working with Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens to collect essential care and comfort items for women at Hubbard House. Collection will run from May 1st through May 10th. Guests who bring three nonperishable food or two full-size toiletry items will receive \$5 off the general admission price and Zoo members will receive a free ticket for Campground Critters. The drop-off will be at the Zoo's Main Camp where guests can help fill moving boxes with the donations.

"When survivors of domestic violence flee for the safety of Hubbard House shelter, they often come with few belongings and limited financial resources. So, while they are with us working toward safety and financial self-sufficiency, Hubbard House provides everything they and their children need," explained Hubbard House CEO Dr. Gail A. Patin. "This is what makes the Movers for Moms initiative so important! It allows our partners - members of the community - to provide tangible support for survivors while simultaneously communicating caring to those in need and allowing the agency to allocate more resources toward survivor services."

Each year, Hubbard House serves 5,000 domestic violence victims — adults and children — and receives generous support from the community. More than half of its support comes from caring

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and concerned individuals and organizations. This demonstrates that people trust the agency and its promise: Donated dollars are carefully managed and stay local, helping victims and their children. In all ways, the community embraces the agency's mission, "safety, empowerment and social change for victims of domestic violence and their families."

This spring marked the 12th anniversary of **Movers for Moms®**. Since its introduction, the program has expanded nationally to 41 states and more than 300 franchises. Last year was the program's most successful year to-date, with more than 366,000 items collected for donation to hundreds of shelters across the country. This year the goal is to exceed 400,000 items for mothers in need!

Follow **Movers for Moms®** online at www.facebook.com/MoversforMoms or [@MoversforMoms](https://www.instagram.com/MoversforMoms).

Headquartered in Michigan, TWO MEN AND A TRUCK is the largest franchised moving company in North America. Currently there are more than 390 locations and 2,900 trucks operating in 43 U.S. states in addition to Canada. TWO MEN AND A TRUCK has performed more than 7 million moves since its inception in 1985. The company has seen consistent monthly growth dating back to December 2009 with more than 100 consecutive months of growth. In 2018, Entrepreneur Magazine ranked TWO MEN AND A TRUCK as one of the top 500 franchises in the U.S for the 24th consecutive year and ranked the company No. 1 in the moving/junk removal category for the third year in a row. In 2017, the company also made the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America for the fourth time. Each location is independently owned and operated. For franchising opportunities, visit franchise.twomenandatruck.com.

TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® welcomes local businesses, schools, and organizations to join in the effort of bringing relief and comfort to moms in need. Anyone interested in supporting local moms in need can visit www.twomenandatruck.com/moversformoms to find the nearest participating TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® franchise.

For over 100 years, the **Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens** has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens supports around the world, and here in NE Florida. JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillezoo.org

Hubbard House is a full-service certified domestic violence center providing prevention and intervention to domestic violence survivors and their families in Duval and Baker counties in Northeast Florida. More information on Hubbard House is available at www.HubbardHouse.org.

Individuals who are in an abusive relationship, or know someone who is, are urged to call Hubbard House's 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (904) 354-3114.