We ask you to bring a gently used purse (from your closet or garage sales, etc.) and anything you would like to add inside. It is called PTP (Pass The Purse), and it began in 2012. Omaha's Welfare chairman supported the Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program. They run a shelter, a counseling hotline, and classes to assist women. They were also trying to start a program to get purses for their women. When a woman walks away from abuse, she is encouraged to leave everything behind so there is no flag/hint she is leaving and so has a better chance to get away. As women, we know our purse holds our lives! Everything in our purse helps us to smoothly navigate our day! Omaha NARBW ladies cleaned out their closets and began buying the "stuff" to fill those purses. The first donation was in 2013 and 81 "stuffed" purses were collected. Since then, they have donated about two hundred purses a year (that is 2,100 purses)! The purses are also used as a reward for completing classes and they are told the women love to "shop" these rewards when they complete a class.

We ask you to support our project and put a few extra items in your luggage for us. The following items are helpful and useful:

Money E	Billfolds	Chapstick	Combs	Hand Lotion	Hand Sanitizer
Key Chains	Kleenex	Manicure Sets	Mints	Note Pads	Pen
Small Jewelry		Address Book	Small Flashlights		Personal Items/Hair/Dental

If you prefer to ship your donation, send it to:

Jay Nelson 2709 Tulip Lane

Bellevue, NE 68147-8406

Please send your checks to:

Julie Nelson

12009 Jefferson Plaza

Omaha, NE 68137-4416

Cash - also send to Julie Nelson:

(If sending money, please note it is for the Convention Welfare PTP Project)

Thank you for your donations!