

## Bedford 2844 Gives Handbags of Hope to Domestic Violence Agency

Bedford 2844 Exalted Ruler Nancy Owen made a presentation of eighteen handbags and two men's bags to Bedford Domestic Violence Services, a Division of Bedford County Department of Social Services. Domestic Violence Services helps many families in unpleasant and volatile situations that cause a need for family members to vacate their home in a hurry; often only with the clothes on their back.

Domestic Violence Services sees Elks' contributions as being a ray of hope and encouragement for people in need. We are continuing to accept items to pack additional bags that we have at the Lodge. Another bag packing event will be held in the near future.



L to R: Bedford 2844 Exalted Ruler Nancy Owen, Domestic Violence Services Director Heather Jones, Domestic Violence Services Case Manager Amanda Page, Bedford Social Services Assistant Director Patricia McCauley, and Domestic Violence Services Client Advocate Lisa Bailey.