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Avon Foundation for Women Awards More Than \$2.1 Million in 2013 Year-End Grants to Domestic Violence Organizations Across the United States

New York, NY, January 22, 2014 – [The Avon Foundation for Women](http://www.avonfoundationforwomen.org) approved more than **\$2.1 million** in year-end grants to support 17 domestic violence organizations in the United States.

Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence Grants

The Avon Foundation launched [Speak Out Against Domestic Violence](http://www.avonfoundationforwomen.org/speakout) in 2004 to support domestic violence awareness, education and prevention programs, as well as direct services for victims and their families. Through 2013 in the United States, the Avon Foundation donated nearly \$39 million to the domestic violence cause. Globally, Avon supports efforts to end violence against women in nearly 50 countries by raising funds through special product sales and raising awareness through the more than 6 million global Avon Representatives.

In December 2013, the Avon Foundation for Women approved more than **\$1.5 million** in grants to the following organizations to fund domestic violence programs and services:

- Cornell University (Ithaca, N.Y.), to support the [Avon Global Center for Women and Justice](http://www.avonglobalcenterforwomenandjustice.org) at Cornell Law School to improve access to justice and eliminate violence against women and girls.
- Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, Calif.), to create a sexual violence prevention and education video to be distributed to college campuses across the United States.
- Vital Voices Global Partnership (Washington, D.C.), to launch the *Institute on Violence Against Women: An Initiative of the [Global Partnership to End Violence Against Women](http://www.globalpartnership.org)*, in partnership with the Avon Foundation for Women and U.S. State Department. The new initiative will fund four training institutes in 2014, in India, Mexico, Nepal and South Africa, to improve the implementation of domestic and gender violence laws.
- Students Active For Ending Rape Inc. (New York), to provide freetraining and strategy counseling for student activists to transform campus sexual assault policies.
- Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Inc. (Newburyport, Mass.), to establish a web-based learning and resource tool for the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model (DVHRT), a program that focuses equally on victim safety, comprehensive services and offender accountability.
- National Network to End Domestic Violence, Inc. (Washington, D.C.), to support the organization's 8th annual *National Census of Domestic Violence Services*, a survey that documents data on domestic violence victim services in 2013. The survey illustrates the issues and barriers that domestic violence programs faced with devastating funding cuts, as well as the number of service requests that went unmet because of lack of resources.
- Cicatelli Associates, Inc., (New York), to collate and analyze domestic violence data reports from direct service provider grantees in 2014.

To implement the [Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program](http://www.avonfoundationforwomen.org/empowerment), a program that funds full-time Economic Empowerment Coordinator positions in U.S. domestic violence victim service agencies, the following 10 additional domestic violence organizations will receive grants, totaling more than **\$630,000**:

- Clackamas Womens Services (Oregon City, Ore.)
- Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. (Tulsa, Okla.)
- Enlace Comunitario (Albuquerque, N.M.)

- Family Support Center of South Sound (Olympia, Wash.)
- Julian Center Inc. (Indianapolis, Ind.)
- La Casa de las Madres (San Francisco)
- Safe Horizon (New York)
- Sakhi for South Asian Women (New York)
- YWCA Utah (Salt Lake City, Utah)
- Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation (Modesto, Calif.)

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About the Avon Foundation for Women

The [Avon Foundation for Women](#), the world's largest corporate-affiliated philanthropy focused on issues that matter most to women, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women. Through 2013, Avon global philanthropy, led by the Avon Foundation, has donated more than \$957 million in more than 50 countries for causes most important to women. Today, Avon philanthropy focuses on funding breast cancer research and access to care through the [Avon Breast Cancer Crusade](#), and efforts to reduce domestic and gender violence through its [Speak Out Against Domestic Violence](#) program. Visit www.avonfoundation.org for more information.