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Avon Foundation Awards More Than \$700,000 in December to Fund Eight U.S. Domestic Violence Organizations

(NEW YORK, NY – December 20, 2012) – The Avon Foundation for Women has awarded eight new grants to domestic violence organizations across the United States in December, including:

- **\$200,000 to The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH)** to allow the Hotline to maintain two part-time advocate positions and fund 25 relief advocate positions that will directly support NDVH's efforts in responding to calls for help from thousands of victims of domestic violence.
- **\$200,000 to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City** to support the construction and build-out of the new Manhattan Family Justice Center Children's Room and Family Suite, creating a comfortable and safe environment for families seeking assistance for domestic violence. Opening in 2013, the New York City Family Justice Center in Manhattan will co-locate essential advocacy, case management, criminal justice and civil legal assistance for domestic violence victims and their children under one roof and will bring together the expertise of more than a dozen organizations including City and State agencies, the Office of the District Attorney of New York, and non-profit organizations, to provide clients with culturally competent and comprehensive services.
- **\$106,000 to support NO MORE** to conduct two national surveys on the role of bystanders who witness dating abuse and partner violence with the goals to raise awareness and encourage dialogue to help end violence against women and girls; to help people transition from bystanders to "upstanders;" and to learn how they react to partner violence and sexual assault, and what actions they can take and have taken.
- **\$100,000 to Safe Horizon** to support *Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention* (CFTSI), a model program identifying proven counseling interventions to reduce child trauma within Safe Horizon's Child Advocacy Centers. Focused on Foster Parents, this pioneering project will raise the standard of care and increases access to evidence-based treatment for traumatized children by piloting models for replication. This \$100,000 grant is in addition to a grant approved in July, and brings Avon Foundation total support for the CFTSI program to \$350,000 in 2012.
- **\$39,000 to Cicatelli Associates** in support of the 2013 Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program, part of the [Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence initiative](#), which launched in 2004 to help end the cycle of domestic violence. The 2013 Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Program funds 20 coordinator positions that will support victims in 13 states by providing

critical resources and economic empowerment tools necessary to develop self-sufficiency skills and guide them towards breaking the cycle of abuse, once and for all.

- **\$26,800 to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to publish on-line a new edition of the *National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs*, expanding the listings of local programs, state coalitions and national resources for services for victims of domestic violence.
- **\$25,000 to Futures Without Violence** to support five awards prizes for the ***Avon Communications Awards: Speaking Out About Violence Against Women*** recognizing campaigns and programs from around the world that focus on preventing and ending violence against women. The Avon Foundation for Women will present these awards during the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2013, recognizing organizations or individuals whose strategic communications are most effectively helping change communities, policies, institutions, and behaviors related to violence against women.
- **\$25,000 to the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO/CSW/NY)** to develop the 2013 Handbook/Schedule of Events Guide for participants attending the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Forum and UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting (14 - 15 March 2013) – provided to approximately 2,500 participants attending the forum. The NGO/CSW/NY provides an open forum for women's voices to be heard at the United Nations, helping to bring together activists from around the world in its efforts to strengthen networking, share strategies and encourage governments to implement agreed upon resolutions and treaties.

“The Avon Foundation for Women is committed to helping end the cycle of domestic violence and is proud to support these eight organizations that help provide support and resources for domestic violence victims. Through these grants we aim to support women across the U.S. by ending the cycle of abuse once and for all, and ensuring the safety for these women and their families,” said Avon Foundation for Women President Carol Kurzig.

The Avon Foundation for Women and Speak Out Against Domestic Violence

The [Avon Foundation for Women](http://www.avonfoundation.org), an accredited 501(c)(3) public charity, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women, and brings this mission to life through focus on two key issues: breast cancer and domestic violence. Avon global philanthropy has donated more than \$910 million in more than 50 countries for causes most important to women. The Avon Foundation’s flagship programs include the [Avon Breast Cancer Crusade](#) and the *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program, which supports domestic violence awareness, education, direct services and prevention initiatives. The Avon Foundation has donated \$33 million in the United States to support awareness, education, direct service and prevention programs aimed at reducing domestic and gender violence. Globally, Avon supports efforts to end violence against women by raising funds through special product sales and raising awareness through events and with educational information disseminated by 6 million global Avon Representatives.

For more Information

To learn more about the Avon Foundation for Women *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program, visit www.avonfoundation.org, where you can also access a free printable *Domestic Violence and Dating Abuse Resource Guide* in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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