

Women's Coalition of St. Croix Receives Mary Kay Foundation Award of \$20,000 for Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness

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The [Mary Kay Foundation](#) (MKF) is committed to partnering with service agencies to break the cycle of domestic violence. In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the foundation awards \$20,000 grants to more than 150 domestic violence shelters across the country for a total of \$3 million. WCSC's **Sojourner House**, the only emergency shelter in the territory dedicated to the special needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, is one of this year's recipients.

"Through our grants, we honor and support shelters across the country that are having a profound impact for women and children in their communities. Since 2000, we have granted \$31 million to help domestic violence shelters meet their critical needs and support their ongoing community efforts," said Anne Crews, Mary Kay Inc. Vice President of Government Relations and board member for The Mary Kay Foundation.

WCSC will use the grant for Sojourner House to provide support for victims/survivors residing there, including

- to purchase of two cribs and two car seats;
- to maintain and purchase gasoline for the shelter vehicle;
- to arrange for emergency departures for victims who must leave the island to escape their perpetrators.