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JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE AWARDED AVON FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN SPEAK OUT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT FOR AVON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Avon Foundation Awards More Than \$1.2 Million To Fund 20 Coordinator Positions in Domestic Violence Organizations Across the United States

PHOENIX, ARIZONA– The Avon Foundation for Women has awarded a **\$65,000** one-year grant to **Jewish Family & Children's Service** in support of its Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program, which provides annual funding for 20 full-time coordinator positions in domestic violence agencies across the United States.

The 2013 **Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program** is part of the [Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence initiative](#), which launched in 2004 to help end the cycle of domestic violence. The Avon Foundation for Women has donated \$33 million for domestic and gender violence programs in the United States, including support for awareness, education, direct service and prevention.

The Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program's coordinator position at Jewish Family & Children's Service will support victims in Maricopa County, including Spanish-speaking, by providing domestic violence survivors with the critical resources and economic empowerment tools necessary to develop self-sufficiency and guide them towards breaking the cycle of abuse, once and for all.

"We are proud that the Avon Foundation for Women shares our mission and has chosen to support our Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program's coordinator position. With these funds we will be able to assist many more survivors in their quest to attain self-sufficiency," said Linda Scott, Jewish Family & Children's Service's Vice President for its Child & Family Services division.

"The Avon Foundation for Women is committed to helping end the cycle of domestic violence and is proud to support Jewish Family & Children's Service in its work to help provide domestic violence victims with the resources and tools necessary to become more self-sufficient. With the help of these hands-on coordinators, we hope that more women in Maricopa County can end the cycle of abuse, once and for all, and ensure safety for themselves and their families," said Avon Foundation for Women President Carol Kurzig.

Around the world, at least one in every three women has experienced some form of partner violence or abuse during her lifetime. Reports confirm that domestic violence victims are less likely to leave and stay away from abusers if they have limited hope of achieving independent economic stability. Programs such as the Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program help make an immediate, tangible difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors by providing hands-on guidance and assistance to help them create independent, violence free-lives for themselves, their families, and future generations.

Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) is a non-profit, **non-sectarian** organization founded in 1935, whose mission is to strengthen the community by offering high quality behavioral health and social services to children, families and adults of all ages throughout Maricopa County, in accordance with a Jewish value system that cares about all humanity. JFCS has been helping people cope more effectively with life's difficult circumstances for three quarters of a century. Since 1998 the *Shelter Without Walls* program at Jewish Family & Children's Service has provided services and support to more than 5000 domestic violence victims.

The Avon Foundation for Women and Speak Out Against Domestic Violence

The [Avon Foundation for Women](#), 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

For more information on *Shelter Without Walls* at Jewish Family & Children's Service please call Frances Ortiz at 602-452—4644. For more information about domestic violence services, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or online at www.ndvh.org.

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](#).