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THE MARY KAY FOUNDATIONSM AWARDS HAVEN HILLS \$20,000 GRANT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

Haven Hills is One of 150 to Receive Funding in Advance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Canoga Park - September 28, 2015 – Haven Hills, a local domestic violence shelter serving Los Angeles County received a \$20,000 grant from [The Mary Kay FoundationSM](#). In advance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, the Foundation has awarded \$20,000 in grants to [150 domestic violence shelters](#) in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for a total of \$3 million.

While more than half of the grant recipients use the unrestricted funds for basic operating expenses, others hire much needed personnel, complete repairs and facility renovations or add programs and resources based on the unique needs of their shelter and the clients they serve. Haven Hills will use the grant funding to provide critical support for clients through its core programs including a 24/7 Crisis Hotline, Crisis and Transitional Shelters, and Community Outreach Programs.

“At Haven Hills we are incredibly grateful for support from The Mary Kay FoundationSM and its commitment to break the cycle of domestic violence,” said Iliana Tavera, Executive Director. “This grant supports our efforts in providing critical, life-saving and life-changing services for thousands of women, men, and children in Los Angeles. Each year we empower over 3,000 women and men find the strength within themselves to break the cycle of abuse and to build a new, productive and positive life for themselves and their children.”

“Mary Kay has a long-standing commitment to prevent and end domestic violence,” said Anne Crews, board member for The Mary Kay FoundationSM and Vice President of Public Affairs for Mary Kay Inc. “While progress has been made in the United States in meeting the needs of the thousands of domestic violence survivors who seek help each and every day, there remains a significant gap between funding and resources. We know from our work with shelter directors across the nation that the Foundation’s annual grants are a lifeline for many shelters and continues to impact an epidemic that touches one in every four women.”

Since 2000, The Mary Kay FoundationSM has donated \$35.6 million to domestic violence organizations through its [annual shelter grant program](#). Each year, grants are awarded to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state with the remaining grants distributed based on state population. U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands have also received funding through the Shelter Grant program. Approximately 625 domestic violence shelters applied for funding this year.

About The Mary Kay FoundationSM

The Mary Kay FoundationSM was created in 1996, and its mission is two-fold: to fund research of cancers affecting women and to help prevent domestic violence while raising awareness of the issue. The Mary Kay FoundationSM has awarded \$64.2 million to shelters and programs addressing domestic violence prevention and cancer researchers and related causes throughout the United States. To learn more about The Mary Kay FoundationSM, please visit www.marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MKCARES (652-2737).

About Haven Hills

Haven Hills provides safety, shelter and support to all victims of domestic violence while working to break the cycle of abuse. We save lives, inspire change and transform victims into empowered survivors. www.havenhills.org