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### **Foothill Family Awarded Avon Foundation for Women Speak Out Against Domestic Violence Grant**

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CA/November 2016** – The Avon Foundation for Women has awarded a \$20,000 one-year grant to Foothill Family to provide women and children, victims of domestic violence and/or abuse with case management services and therapeutic counseling. Foothill Family’s work in helping survivors recover from trauma and move toward self-sufficiency is just one of the many ways that the organization builds brighter futures for children and families in our communities.

Foothill Family is one of 32 organizations across the United States this year to be granted funds for direct services through the Avon Foundation for Women *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program. This is the seventh year that The Avon Foundation for Women has helped to support Foothill’s work on this critical issue; however, the foundation and Avon Products, Inc. have shown philanthropic support to Foothill Family for more than 11 years.

“Foothill Family strives to empower community members to overcome challenges and thrive in their daily lives,” said Steve Allen, Foothill Family Chief Executive Officer. “We greatly appreciate the Avon Foundation for Women’s continued support of our domestic violence program, which focuses on prevention as well as treatment. Because domestic violence continues to be an epidemic affecting individuals, families, and generations regardless of economic status, race, nationality, age, and gender, it is a crucial issue that requires attention and investment.”

The domestic violence program at Foothill Family supports victims in the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Glendale, and Burbank and delivers essential services designed to help clients through emotional trauma and depression while providing assistance and resources to navigate barriers to success such as lack of safe housing, affordable child care, education, or work experience. Foothill works with clients to overcome the cycle of violence, improve parenting skills, access needed services for themselves and their children, become appropriately assertive, cultivate a supportive peer group with other clients, and identify and take steps to achieve gainful employment.

“The Avon Foundation for Women is committed to helping end the cycle of domestic violence and takes pride in supporting Foothill Family’s work to help domestic violence victims in the greater Los Angeles area,” said Christine Jaworsky, Program Director of Avon’s *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program. “It is through initiatives like Foothill’s that we can work to break the cycle of domestic violence once and for all, and help ensure safety for victims and their families.”

Globally, at least one-in-three women has experienced some form of partner violence or abuse during her lifetime. Although research shows most victims are women, men can also be domestic violence victims.

## **Foothill Family receives grant supporting domestic violence programs**

Programs such as Foothill Family's help ensure that all victims have access to services that will help them rebuild their lives and break the cycle of domestic violence for themselves, their families, and future generations.

### **About Foothill Family**

Foothill Family was founded in 1926 and provides a range of community-based mental health and social services to at-risk populations in Southern California. Its mission, to build brighter futures for children and families, has helped Foothill Family earn a reputation for providing high-quality services aimed at empowering families and strengthening communities. Programs include mental health and school-based counseling for children, child abuse prevention and treatment, domestic violence prevention and treatment, early child development programs, services for pregnant teens and their babies, family counseling, and youth development. Services are provided at homes, in school, in the community, and at Foothill Family centers in Pasadena, Duarte, El Monte, and West Covina. Last year, more than 23,000 children and their families benefited from Foothill Family's life-changing programs. For more information, please call (626) 993-3000 or visit the website at [www.foothillfamily.org](http://www.foothillfamily.org).

### ***Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence***

The Avon Foundation for Women launched *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* in 2004 to support domestic violence awareness, education, and prevention programs aimed at reducing domestic and gender violence, and to provide direct services for victims and their families. Through 2014, the Avon Foundation for Women has contributed nearly \$40 million in the United States toward this goal. Globally, Avon supports efforts to end violence against women in nearly 50 countries by raising funds through special product sales and educating women around the world through its army of six million Avon Representatives. Visit [www.avonfoundation.org](http://www.avonfoundation.org) for more information.

### **Avon Foundation for Women**

The Avon Foundation for Women is the world's largest corporate-affiliated philanthropy focused on issues that matter to most women. Since its inception in 1955, the Avon Foundation has promoted or aided charitable, scientific, educational, and humanitarian activities, with a special emphasis on activities that improve the lives of women and their families. Through 2015, Avon global philanthropy, led by the Avon Foundation, has contributed nearly \$1 billion in over 50 countries. Today, Avon philanthropy focuses on funding breast cancer research and advancing access to quality 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](http://www.avonfoundation.org) for more information

### **For more information**

To learn more about domestic violence programs at Foothill Family serving the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Glendale, and Burbank, please call (626) 993-3000. 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](http://www.ndvh.org).