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**The Mary Kay FoundationSM AWARDS
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS \$20,000 GRANT**

The Mary Kay Foundation Honors Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Issuing \$3 Million in Grants to 150 Domestic Violence Shelters Across the Country

San Diego, CA (December 6, 2018) – In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month recognized every year during the month of October, The Mary Kay FoundationSM announced awards of \$3 million in grants to 150 domestic violence shelters across the country. Center for Community Solutions (CCS) has received a \$20,000 unrestricted grant to support local survivors of domestic violence in San Diego, California. This year's grant contribution brings the Foundation's total investment in its shelter grant program to \$50 million.

The Mary Kay Foundation was established in 1996 with the overarching purpose of supporting issues impacting women. In 2000, The Foundation expanded to include ending domestic violence as part of its mission. The Foundation is committed to funding the life-saving work of women's shelters and the annual shelter grant program has helped finance critical needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and legal aid. All of these resources support women and children as they seek refuge and relief on their journey to an abuse-free life. This year, more than 1,200 organizations applied for the Mary Kay Foundation shelter grants.

"At Mary Kay, we believe in helping women improve their circumstances and live their best lives. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and it is our responsibility to support the women's shelters that aid these survivors," said President of The Mary Kay Foundation Board of Directors Michael Lunceford. "At the heart of The Foundation's work is the shelter grant program which is actively supported by our independent sales force. We're proud that our commitment makes such a powerful impact in local communities and in the lives of domestic violence survivors across the country."

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, more than 72,000 adult and child victims receive domestic violence services across the United States in just one day. Unfortunately, in the same period of time, more than 11,000 requests for services are unmet due to a lack of resources.

For more than 49 years, CCS has been offering healing, protection and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, stalking and families fleeing from intimate partner violence (IPV) on their journey to self-sufficiency. In San Diego CCS provides people of all genders, races, beliefs and ages, safe emergency housing and comprehensive support services leading to long-term individual and family safety and stability. Interventions include safety planning, trauma-informed counseling, legal assistance, forensic exam accompaniment, client advocacy and support services as survivors rebuild their lives.

"The Mary Kay Foundation has been a loyal supporter of CCS for many years. We are grateful for their commitment and leadership support which has helped bring safety and stability to the lives of women, children and families escaping domestic violence in their homes" says Verna Griffin-Tabor, CEO/Executive Director of CCS.

About The Mary Kay FoundationSM

The Mary Kay Foundation was created in 1996 and its two-fold mission includes funding women's cancer research and ending domestic violence. Over the course of more than two decades, The Mary Kay Foundation has awarded more than \$78 million to women's shelters and domestic violence service providers, as well as cancer research programs and related causes throughout the United States. To learn more about The Mary Kay Foundation and its mission, visit marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MKCARES (652-2737).

About Center for Community Solutions

Center for Community Solutions (CCS) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation that provides prevention and intervention services for sexual assault and intimate partner violence survivors. Founded in 1969, we have remained committed to solving the problems of intimate partner violence and abuse, improving the lives of survivors, and changing the social conditions that breed and tolerate their existence. We assist more than 23,000 San Diegans each year and operate the only Rape Crisis Center in San Diego. For more information, visit www.ccssd.org

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