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### **The Allstate Foundation Lets Public Decide Winner of \$100,000 Grant**

*Four national non-profits compete for grand prize*

**NORTHBROOK, III.**, July 15, 2009 – The Allstate Foundation is inviting the public to cast its vote for the recipient of a \$100,000 grant through the *ClickToEmpower* campaign on [www.ClicktoEmpower.org](http://www.ClicktoEmpower.org). The organizations competing to receive the grant share The Allstate Foundation’s mission of working to end domestic violence and finding new ways to economically empower survivors. Participating organizations are Charity Cars, Family Justice Center Alliance, Safe Horizon and the YWCA.

“The Allstate Foundation selected these non-profit organizations as contenders for the grants because of their strong leadership and programming in the area of domestic violence and economic empowerment,” said Jennifer Kuhn, program manager, The Allstate Foundation *Economics Against Abuse* program. “To help generate awareness of the great work of these organizations, we are asking the public to weigh in on who will receive the \$100,000 grant.”

Visitors can vote as well as learn more about each of the highlighted organizations and their domestic violence programs on the [www.ClicktoEmpower.org](http://www.ClicktoEmpower.org) Web site. Visitors can vote once a day during the campaign (July 15, 2009 - September 13, 2009). The organization that receives

the most votes will receive a \$100,000 grant and the remaining three will each receive a \$10,000 grant.

- **Charity Cars:** The original 1-800-Charity Cars provides free vehicles and vehicle support services to domestic violence survivors all across America. Reliable transportation empowers victims to leave their abusers and is a major factor in the success or failure of survivors transitioning to self-sufficiency.
- **National Family Justice Center Alliance:** The Alliance is working to provide training and technical assistance to existing and developing Family Justice Centers in the United States and around the world. These organizations serve facilities where survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault can come to one location to receive all necessary services.
- **Safe Horizon:** Safe Horizon touches the lives of over 350,000 victims of violence and moves them from crisis to confidence. As the largest provider of domestic violence programs and through the operation of hotlines in New York City, Safe Horizon helps hundreds of thousands of domestic violence survivors each year by providing them with safe shelter, clothing, food, transportation, mental health counseling, physical wellness exams, guidance through the court system, security through changing door locks, ESL courses, and counseling on financial literacy, resume building and job placement. Safe Horizon also trains thousands of executives across the country about how to protect their employees from the impact of domestic violence in the workplace with its *SafeWork* initiative.
- **YWCA:** Among its many programs, YWCA is the largest provider of comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and their children nationwide, including education and prevention programs, counseling services, emergency shelters, transitional housing, court accompaniment

and child care for victims, as well as court-ordered anger management classes for offenders. YWCAs also offer economic empowerment programs for women, from financial literacy seminars to job training and GED classes. YWCA was the first women's organization founded in the United States, now celebrating 150 years of service on behalf of women and girls.

### **About The Allstate Foundation**

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL). Allstate and The Allstate Foundation sponsor community initiatives to promote "safe and vital communities;" "tolerance, inclusion, and diversity;" and "economic empowerment." The Allstate Foundation believes in the financial potential of every individual and in helping America's families achieve their American dream. For additional information, visit [www.ClickToEmpower.org](http://www.ClickToEmpower.org).

### **About the Economics Against Abuse Program**

The Allstate Foundation *Economics Against Abuse* program helps domestic violence survivors build their financial independence to get free and stay free from abuse. Seeing a significant gap in resources for programs designed to assist survivors with the economic challenges that they face, The Allstate Foundation took action and partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence to create a comprehensive program. *Economics Against Abuse* provides resources, funds direct services and spreads the word on how to empower those touched by domestic and economic abuse. For more information and to find out how to help, visit [www.ClickToEmpower.org](http://www.ClickToEmpower.org).

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