Avon Foundation for Women Awards More Than $2.1 Million in 2013 Year-End Grants to Domestic Violence Organizations Across the United States

New York, NY, January 22, 2014 – The Avon Foundation for Women approved more than $2.1 million in year-end grants to support 17 domestic violence organizations in the United States.

Avon Speak Out Against Domestic Violence Grants
The Avon Foundation launched Speak Out Against Domestic Violence in 2004 to support domestic violence awareness, education and prevention programs, as well as direct services for victims and their families. Through 2013 in the United States, the Avon Foundation donated nearly $39 million to the domestic violence cause. Globally, Avon supports efforts to end violence against women in nearly 50 countries by raising funds through special product sales and raising awareness through the more than 6 million global Avon Representatives.

In December 2013, the Avon Foundation for Women approved more than $1.5 million in grants to the following organizations to fund domestic violence programs and services:

- Cornell University (Ithaca, N.Y.), to support the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School to improve access to justice and eliminate violence against women and girls.
- Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, Calif.), to create a sexual violence prevention and education video to be distributed to college campuses across the United States.
- Students Active For Ending Rape Inc. (New York), to provide free training and strategy counseling for student activists to transform campus sexual assault policies.
- Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Inc. (Newburyport, Mass.), to establish a web-based learning and resource tool for the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model (DVHRT), a program that focuses equally on victim safety, comprehensive services and offender accountability.
- National Network to End Domestic Violence, Inc. (Washington, D.C.), to support the organization’s 8th annual National Census of Domestic Violence Services, a survey that documents data on domestic violence victim services in 2013. The survey illustrates the issues and barriers that domestic violence programs faced with devastating funding cuts, as well as the number of service requests that went unmet because of lack of resources.

To implement the Avon Domestic Violence Survivor Empowerment Program, a program that funds full-time Economic Empowerment Coordinator positions in U.S. domestic violence victim service agencies, the following 10 additional domestic violence organizations will receive grants, totaling more than $630,000:

- Clackamas Womens Services (Oregon City, Ore.)
- Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc. (Tulsa, Okla.)
- Enlace Comunitario (Albuquerque, N.M.)
About the Avon Foundation for Women
The Avon Foundation for Women, the world's largest corporate-affiliated philanthropy focused on issues that matter most to women, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women. Through 2013, Avon global philanthropy, led by the Avon Foundation, has donated more than $957 million in more than 50 countries for causes most important to women. Today, Avon philanthropy focuses on funding breast cancer research and access to 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 for more information.