

Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.

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THE MARY KAY FOUNDATIONSM AWARDS SIUSLAW OUTREACH SERVICES \$20,000 GRANT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

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Siuslaw Outreach Services, a non-profit organization which operates a women's shelter serving western Lane County, received a \$20,000 grant from The Mary Kay FoundationSM. In observation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, The Mary Kay FoundationSM awards \$20,000 grants to more than 150 domestic violence shelters across the country for a total of \$3 million.

Siuslaw Outreach Services will use the grant to provide critical support for its Hope House shelter. The home has a number of repairs needed as well as replacement of many old appliances. A special landscaped play area for children will be added along with outdoor play equipment. A number of security upgrades are also budgeted, along with some basic operations costs.

"We have been very hopeful that we would receive this grant because the shelter really needs these repairs and upgrades" said Executive Director David Wiegand. "Our budget is very tight and we have not been able to come up with the resources to do this before. We are really excited about making our shelter one of the best in Oregon, especially since October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Siuslaw Outreach Services provides advocacy to victims of domestic violence/sexual assaults; low income housing and energy assistance; emergency aid vouchers; a 24 hour crisis line; a women's empowerment group; and a variety of classes on financial management and parenting skills.

"The Mary Kay FoundationSM is committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence." said Anne Crews, Mary Kay Inc. Vice President of Government Relations and board member for The Mary Kay FoundationSM. "Through our grants, we honor and support shelters across the country that are having a profound impact for women and children in their communities. Since

2000, we have granted \$31 million to help domestic violence shelters meet their critical needs and support their ongoing community efforts.”

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. Since the Foundation’s inception, it has awarded nearly \$31 million to shelters and programs addressing domestic violence prevention and more than \$18 million to cancer researchers and related causes throughout the United States. To learn more about The Mary Kay FoundationSM, visit marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MKCARES (652-2737).