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## **Domestic Violence Nonprofits Brace for Surge in Reports**

## Allstate Foundation grant empowers financial future for Delaware survivors.

Wilmington, DE, July 13, 2020 – Many domestic violence nonprofits expect an unprecedented rise in both abuse reports and financial hardships as COVID-19 stay-at-home orders relax. The pandemic has exacerbated the ongoing need for critical funding for domestic violence nonprofits. Continuing its commitment to advancing financial security and education for survivors, The Allstate Foundation provided a \$61,000 Moving Ahead Grant to the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV).

"This is a pivotal point in time because many nonprofits need assistance to meet the extraordinary challenges posed by Covid-19." said Sue Ryan, Executive Director of DCADV. "This grant will provide specialized job training, matched-savings programs, credit-building services and financial education. We're grateful to have a partner like The Allstate Foundation."

The Moving Ahead grants are a deeply-rooted portion of The Allstate Foundation's 15-year commitment to ending domestic violence through financial empowerment. Twenty-six state coalitions will receive a total of \$1.5 million in funding this year from the Foundation.

"The controlling tactics used by abusers create a devasting ripple effect that makes it feel nearly impossible for a survivor to break free," said Ellen Lisak, senior program officer, The Allstate Foundation. "For over a decade, we've reinforced our investment to provide survivors hope."

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224. To learn more about the warning signs of domestic violence, see the resources offered by The Allstate Foundation.

<u>The Allstate Foundation</u> is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation. Since 2005, TAF has invested over \$70 million to end domestic violence and financial abuse and helped 2 million survivors rebuild their lives through financial empowerment. More information is available by following @AllstateFDN on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

## **About Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is a statewide, non-profit organization with a membership including domestic violence agencies and programs providing shelter and direct services to adult victims of domestic violence, allied organizations, and caring individuals. Since its founding in 1994, DCADV has engaged in a variety of activities, including public education efforts, training and prevention initiatives, and systems advocacy. DCADV works closely with the criminal justice, health care, education, advocacy and social service communities to facilitate the creation of effective policies and programs for battered women and their children. In all of these efforts, DCADV is a crucial voice for domestic violence victims and their families. More information can be found on the website at www.dcadv.org. DCADV staff can be reached at 302-658-2958.

Delaware Hotline Numbers: In New Castle County, call 302-762-6110 In Kent/Sussex Counties, call 302-422-8058 or Abriendo Puertas at 302-745-9874

Our Partners for this Allstate Foundation Grant: Child Inc. 302-762-8989 People's Place 302-422-8033 YWCA of DE 302-655-0039

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