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Press Release

Walnut Avenue Women's Center Receives Support from Award-Winning Recording Artist

Award-winning recording artist Moby said he's delighted that the donation he made to California domestic violence shelters has been awarded to the agencies most in need. After Governor Schwarzenegger eliminated all State shelter funding last year, Moby pledged the proceeds from the California leg of his tour to go to shelters. Statewide, 94 domestic violence shelters were affected by the cut, and six closed within six weeks of State funding elimination.

Together with the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV), Moby helped found the Moby SOS Fund, to provide an ongoing source of emergency funds for domestic violence agencies. Last week CPEDV awarded the first of these grants, totaling \$75,000, to 26 shelters around California.

The Walnut Avenue Women's Center received \$6,000 which helps keep our doors open to the community and continue to provide support and services so women, children and families have the skills and opportunities to thrive.

CPEDV Executive Director Tara Shabazz said that her agency and Moby will work together to turn his gift into a lasting legacy for California's domestic violence service providers.

"With the generous example set by Moby, we hope that more people will be moved to donate and support our shelters," she said. "Shelters help so many; now it's our turn to step up and help them."

For more information about how you can help families affected by domestic violence please go to www.WAWC.org.

About CPEDV

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence is California's statewide domestic violence coalition, with over 150 member organizations and individuals. Working at the local, state and national levels for more than 25 years, CPEDV has a long track record of successfully passing over 100 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. As the unified voice for California's domestic violence agencies, CPEDV provides statewide leadership on public policy issues, offers training and technical assistance to domestic violence service providers and promotes public awareness through community outreach efforts. With offices in Sacramento, CPEDV's member programs span the entire state.

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