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East Los Angeles Women Center receives \$25,000 grant from Verizon

ELAWC will be able to create programs for youth at local youth centers, high schools and East Los Angeles College

Los Angeles, CALIF (Nov. 14, 2018)- <u>East Los Angeles Women Center</u> will begin the process of enhancing public awareness of domestic and relationship violence including a social channel for the community and youth through a chat line. ELAWC has been helping women around Los Angeles for over 42 years and has begun education the younger generations.

With the grant given by <u>Verizon</u> the programs being created will give the community a greater understanding of what resources will be available for individuals who seek help. Dianna [insert last name] who has been a volunteer as a Youth Organizer for three years.

"Our outreach to the youth in East Los Angeles has influenced extended to others. Women empowering other women is very important, especially for young girls. It is up to the youth to change the world," [Insert Last name] said.

Newly improved social media networks will be able to provide relevant and appropriate messages to inform those who use the resources we offer. Announcing new events and programming information [insert examples]. The latest text messaging feature that will be adopted allowing individuals to share information and reports.

"I connect with other girls and while we all have different experiences each one has faced the same struggles. Showing how women can step up and be the change that we want to see for the future," said Karla [insert last name here] who has been involved with ELAWC for [insert years involved with ELAWC] years.

Assisting Latina youth, parents, families and community engagement in learning about the resources that can be used to help foster new ideas and knowledge regarding the effects of sexual and domestic violence.

About East Los Angeles Women Center:

The East Los Angeles Women's Center is a leading voice and advocates for survivors and their families affected by sexual, domestic, and intimate partner violence and HIV/AIDS. In 1976 a small group of dedicated Latinas in East Los Angeles established the first-in-the-nation bilingual hotline for Spanish–speaking survivors of sexual assault. Today, ELAWC delivers innovative, comprehensive, culturally-responsive services that build on a foundation of trauma-informed, evidence-based practices designed to heal, support, protect, and empower the communities we serve. Working in collaboration with our partners we also foster the implementation of policies and practices that support social justice and human rights. ELAWC has earned a reputation as a trusted and compassionate resource working to empower and transform lives – and the lives of future generations.

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