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HAVEN'S 25TH ANNUAL GIFT GIVEAWAY IS A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

PONTIAC, MI November 14, 2011...Hope is a necessity, not a luxury, for those who have taken the courageous steps necessary to rise above the affects of domestic violence and sexual assault. HAVEN invites the community to share the hope that defines the season by sharing gifts at the 25TH Annual Gift Giveaway. Gift Giveaway acknowledges and celebrates those that have benefitted from HAVEN services in the past year.

At Gift Giveaway, new, unwrapped gifts are provided to individuals and parents who have received HAVEN services in the past year. They select special gifts for each dependent member of their household. Last year 738 individuals, including 500 children, participated.

This marks the 25th year that HAVEN is asking members of the community to donate new, unwrapped gifts for Gift Giveaway. There is a list of gift suggestions at www.haven-oakland.org/gift-giveaway. Included on the list are items in varying price ranges and include easy-to-buy gift cards and items that are always in demand such as coats, teen gifts, home goods or small appliances, as well as a notice of those that are usually received in abundance.

Gifts are to be dropped off at designated times on December 11-13 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 East Square Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. For additional information or assistance please phone (248) 334-1284 and do not phone the church.

There are specific donation collection times each day. They are 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11; 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Monday, December 12; and 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13.

Financial contributions are also encouraged. Financial support allows HAVEN to meet the needs of our programs and ensures that they can respond to families that come to HAVEN in times of crisis throughout the year.

HAVEN is Oakland County's center for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault. The nationally recognized non-profit organization is a leader in preventing and treating the trauma of domestic violence and sexual assault, through community education and empowerment of survivors. HAVEN believes that everyone deserves to live without fear.

For more information about HAVEN and its programs and services, visit www.haven-oakland.org or call (248) 334-1284.

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