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HAVEN RECEIVES PERFECT SCORE FOR EFFORTS TO HEAL AND EMPOWER SURVIVORS

Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board Recognizes HAVEN with Highest Rating Possible

BINGHAM FARMS, MICH. – October 6, 2014 – HAVEN, Oakland County's center for the treatment and prevention of domestic abuse and sexual assault, recently received a perfect quality assessment from the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDSVPTB).

The MDSVPTB, as part of its legislative mandate, is responsible for administering, reviewing, and providing technical assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault organizations throughout the state of Michigan. One of its responsibilities is to coordinate and monitor programs and services, via developed standards, in order to ensure significant services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The MDSVPTB also administers state and federal funding while promoting excellence in an effort to strengthen Michigan-based organizations.

HAVEN is one such program that receives funds from and is therefore monitored by the MDSVPTB Quality Assurance Program. Approximately every four years, a team of experts in the field visits HAVEN to conduct a thorough review of all operations, policies, procedures and practices. The review is then measured against 135 core standards and 27 advanced standards. HAVEN's most recent review was completed in June 2014.

HAVEN is the first agency in the 14-year history of the current MDVPTB Quality Assurance Program to score 100 percent in the core standard section, meaning that the organization met or exceeded all 135 standards. In addition, HAVEN met or exceeded 100 percent of all advanced standards.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized by the MDVPTB Quality Assurance Program for our efforts to cohesively support and empower survivors" said Beth Morrison, president and CEO, HAVEN. "Our staff works tirelessly to create safe, equal and accountable communities where everyone deserves to live without fear."

About HAVEN

HAVEN is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader promoting a world of safe, equal and accountable communities where sexual assault and domestic violence do not exist. As Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, HAVEN provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 30,000 people each year. For more information visit www.haven-oakland.org or for help call the HAVEN 24-hour Crisis and Support Line at 877-922-1274.

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