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## **HopeLine® from Verizon Donation Helps CCADV in its Work to End Domestic Violence**

*Funds provide DV programs across Colorado access to comprehensive training*

**Denver, CO** – The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) recently received a HopeLine® from Verizon grant of \$20,000 to expand its work. Verizon Wireless' HopeLine program supports domestic violence prevention and awareness programs in Colorado and nationwide.

CCADV is statewide coalition whose mission is, "Inspiring Colorado to End Domestic Violence." Through training, technical assistance, resources, and support, CCADV helps build the capacity of domestic violence program members and allied professionals to meet the needs of the survivors and of the communities they serve. CCADV increases safety and support for survivors by engaging in policy and systems change, participates in and builds coalitions to create change through a collective voice, and serves as Colorado's center for reliable resources on issues related to domestic violence.

"This generous donation from Verizon Wireless will help us connect Colorado advocates to best practices and emerging issues by providing access to unique training and education opportunities," said Pat Tessmer, CCADV's Advocacy and Resources Director. "It will be used to provide cost-effective, flexible training for the staff and volunteers of CCADV's domestic violence program members and other affiliated programs across Colorado through the development and implementation of additional courses for the state-of-the-art online learning center. It will also support the expansion of our resource library available to members through our website."

The HopeLine program collects no-longer used wireless phones, batteries and accessories from any wireless carrier. Phones that can be refurbished are sold for reuse and those without value are disposed of in an environmentally sound way. Proceeds from the program are used to provide wireless phones and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness.

“Through the HopeLine program, we are able to invest in programs that enhance prevention through education, and provide relief and services for survivors,” said Chris Lewter, regional president of Verizon Wireless. “This allows us to help raise awareness about domestic violence and support the organizations which serve the communities where our customers and employees live and work.”

HopeLine phone donations are accepted at all Verizon Wireless Communications stores across the nation. For more information about HopeLine, visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

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