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### **Verizon Donates \$25,000 to The Women's Center; Partners with Carroll University's Delta Rho Upsilon for Campus HopeLine Collection**

*Fraternity takes important stand against domestic and sexual violence.*

**MILWAUKEE** - Verizon has awarded \$25,000 to The Women's Center in Waukesha, Wis., to continue to provide critical services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. In addition to receiving the grant, Verizon has partnered with Carroll University fraternity, Delta Rho Upsilon to kick off a HopeLine drive to continue to raise funds and awareness against domestic and sexual violence.

Verizon's HopeLine Program collects no-longer-used wireless devices and accessories (in any condition, from any carrier) in its stores nationwide and in special collections like this one throughout the year. The phones are refurbished or recycled, and through these donations, Verizon's HopeLine program provides financial support and resources to non-profit domestic violence organizations and initiatives nationwide.

"The gentlemen of Delta Rho Upsilon proudly support The Women's Center because we want to help break the cycle of domestic and sexual violence. It is an important issue, especially on college campuses, and spreading awareness is something our fraternity takes seriously," says Jordan Cates, vice president of Delta Rho Upsilon. "We invite the entire campus community to join us by donating old cell phones to support Verizon's HopeLine program, which raises funds in support of agencies like The Women's Center."

The Women's Center serves women and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse with free and comprehensive services including domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse counseling, an emergency domestic violence shelter and more.

"The Women's Center is grateful for the support of the local community as well as for the support of national programs like Verizon's HopeLine," says Angela Mancuso, executive director of The Women's Center. "For the past two years, we have participated in the HopeLine program, and we are thrilled to expand our partnership with Verizon with this generous grant."

Verizon has a longstanding commitment to domestic violence awareness and prevention, which has been a philanthropic focus since 2001 through the HopeLine program. To date, Verizon's HopeLine program has collected more than 12 million phones, donated more than 200,000 phones and awarded more than \$30 million in cash grants.

"As members of the community ourselves, Verizon understands the importance of supporting local organizations like the Women's Center around Wisconsin," said Steve Van Dinter from Verizon. "The Women's Center provides a wide array of programs, and to be able to help assure they can continue to provide those services to women and children in Waukesha is something we can all be proud to be a part of."

For more information, visit [verizon.com/about/hopeline](http://verizon.com/about/hopeline).

**About HopeLine:**

HopeLine from Verizon connects survivors of domestic violence to vital resources, funds organizations nationwide and protects the environment. HopeLine provides ways for individuals to take action against domestic violence by donation no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition from any service provider. Verizon turns these devices into support for domestic violence organizations and programs nationwide.

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