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HopeLine from Verizon Donates \$10,000 to Statewide Domestic Violence Coalition at Awareness Event at San Francisco City Hall

October 24, 2011, Sacramento—On Friday, HopeLine from Verizon presented The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership), the statewide domestic violence coalition, with a \$10,000 check at a Domestic Violence Awareness Month event on the steps of San Francisco City Hall. The October 21st “Journey of Hope” event brought the Journey of Hope bus tour to the city to collect citizens’ stories of how domestic violence had touched their lives, and give advocates and city officials a platform to describe the crucial importance of domestic violence services and community coordination.

The check was presented by Elva Lima, Executive Director of Multicultural Communications and Community Relations for Verizon Wireless, who praised the Partnership for its work on behalf of domestic violence advocates and survivors across the state. The Partnership’s Executive Director Tara Shabazz said that the donation was the latest proof of Verizon’s commitment to the mission to end domestic violence.

“Verizon has always been a stalwart champion of our cause,” she said. “They set such a wonderful example for public-private partnerships and corporate giving. We thank them for their tremendous generosity, and look forward to putting these funds to work for our statewide member programs.”

The Journey of Hope Tour made two California stops, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, as part of its nationwide tour to commemorate October’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND: National Network to End Domestic Violence and Verizon, through its HopeLine program, teamed for a cross-country domestic violence listening tour – Journey of Hope – to coincide with October’s National Domestic Violence Awareness month. The eight-city tour provides a platform for those who are affected by domestic violence to share their stories of

perseverance, uniting communities in hope, helping to educate the community about domestic violence and inspiring them to play an active role in solving this devastating social issue. Wireless phones and technology can serve as a vital link to emergency or support services in a time of crisis or as a reliable, safe connection to employers, family and friends as survivors rebuild their lives. Exclusive to Verizon, HopeLine puts Verizon's technology and the nation's most reliable and largest wireless network to work in communities by turning no-longer-used wireless phones into support for victims of domestic violence. For more details about Journey of Hope please visit VerizonWireless.com/Hopeline.

About the Partnership

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence is California's statewide domestic violence coalition, with organizational and individual members across California. Working at the local, state and national levels for nearly 30 years, the Partnership has a long track record of successfully passing over 100 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. As the unified voice for California's domestic violence agencies, the Partnership provides statewide leadership on public policy issues, offers professional training and services to domestic violence service providers and promotes public awareness through community outreach efforts. With offices in Sacramento, the Partnership's member programs span the entire state.

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