



Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas

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Dear Andy,

The purpose of this letter is to express gratitude to the Salina Area United Way (SAUW), its Board of Directors, volunteers, business and individual donors for funding our 2013 to 2015 S.M.A.R.T. Community Improvement Grant Application. We understand that this generous gift of 9.01% of the total resources available from the Salina area community will strengthen the Salina area community. In short, this gift is one of the largest local grants we received in 2012 and based upon last year's total makes up approximately 12% of our operating revenue.

Our grant application requested funding to improve financial stability by inspiring and motivating victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to achieve self sufficiency. Our organization staff, Board and volunteers are proud to partner with the United Way to create lasting change for the common good of all with meaningful and measurable results to improve lives and strengthen Salina area communities.

It is a well known fact that financial stability is critical to the education and health of a family. In 2009, DVACK and SAUW agreed to work on a shared goal of increasing the financial stability of families in the Salina area. Our purpose is to work together to educate families on how to manage their expenses and debt to become economically self-sufficient.

From 2013 to 2015 our measurable **S.M.A.R.T. Community Improvement Grant Goal** at Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas will be to increase the number of shelter residents who secure employment from 38% to 50%. To date, we have made significant progress toward achieving this goal by helping 38% of shelter residents secure employment as a result of DVACK's economic advocacy program.

In closing, I would like to emphasize how our coordinated efforts have significantly improved lives and advanced our community. Many victims of domestic and sexual violence whom have accessed DVACK services have succumbed to years of abuse. With DVACK's supportive staff, positive encouragement and economic advocacy program we have been afforded the opportunity to assist victims in transitioning from victim to survivor by assisting them in attaining financial stability. Several shelter residents who have participated in our economic advocacy program have successfully gained full-time employment and are now better able to support themselves and their children while living a life free from abuse.

Thank you again for all United Way does to advance our community. We are proud to LIVE UNITED with Salina Area United Way, other funded partners, business and individual donors.

Sincerely,

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