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## CalVCP Raises The Bar For Annual “Suited For Success” Clothing Drive *Over 7,300 Items Donated In Commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month*



SACRAMENTO (November 5) – In a handoff ceremony following its annual month-long “Suited for Success” campaign, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) presented approximately 7,300 clothing items to five local nonprofit organizations that serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Attendees included CalVCP Executive Officer Julie Nauman and Secretary of the Government Operations Agency & Chairperson of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, Marybel Batjer, as well as representatives from each beneficiary.

“It’s very rewarding to be able to help survivors move towards self-sufficiency; to watch them regain confidence and establish independence as they begin the next chapter of their lives,” said Secretary Batjer. “Through the generosity of so many, these service providers will be able to assist survivors in getting back their economic independence.”

2013 marked CalVCP's third annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month collection drive. Nauman kicked off the official count and hand-over at CalVCP Headquarters by addressing an overarching theme of Domestic Violence Awareness Month: domestic violence knows no boundaries.



"It isn't just a personal matter or a home issue. Domestic violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background", stated Nauman. "In fact, here at the California Victim Compensation Program, nearly one-third of the 53,000 applications we receive are a result of domestic violence."

Last October, CalVCP collected nearly 2,000 suits, slacks, dresses, shoes, and belts to benefit victims of domestic violence. The "Suited for Success" drive aimed to supply domestic violence survivors with professional attire to support career development. This year's campaign, titled "Suited for Successful Families," expanded collection efforts to include children's clothing, diapers, and toys in order to call attention to the fact that victims of domestic violence come in all ages, and that children are often a neglected casualty of these needless acts.

The "Suited for Successful Families" drive will benefit domestic violence survivors at: **WEAVE, My Sister's House, Plumas Rural Services, A Community For Peace, and the Sacramento Children's Home.**



After thanking all of the partners who made the campaign possible, Secretary Batjer highlighted CalVCP's strong partnerships with the beneficiaries that assist and protect domestic violence victims. She also gave special recognition to three state agencies that collected the highest number of donations: Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully's office, the California Department of General Services, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Half a dozen locations hosted collection bins throughout the greater Sacramento region during Domestic Violence Awareness Month: the Governor's Office, Chicory Coffee & Tea, Vallejo's Restaurant, Folsom City Hall, Folsom Police Headquarters, and the California Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board.

Participating state agencies included the California Department of General Services, the California Department of Consumer Affairs, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the California Department of Insurance, the California Department of Human Resources, the California Fair Political Practices Commission, the Governor's Office, the Office of Emergency Services, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer's Office, the Commission on Teaching Credentials, the Folsom Police Department, the City of Folsom, First 5 California, and Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully's Office.

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