



HAVEN
LIVE WITHOUT FEAR

September 29, 2023

Ms. Sabrina Lilla
City of Novi
45175 W 10 Mile Rd
Novi, MI 48375-3024

Dear Ms. Lilla:

Violence in families is everywhere, crossing racial, ethnic, cultural, social, and economic boundaries. The impact of this violence invades our schools, places of worship, offices, businesses, factories, and throughout our neighborhoods.

Since 1982, HAVEN has been dedicated to building violence-free communities where everyone can live without fear. HAVEN maintains a 24-hour emergency shelter exclusively for domestic violence victims and their children and sexual assault survivors who are afraid to stay in their own homes. HAVEN offers counseling and education that help families stop the violence, begin the process of healing, and create the hope that their future will be free from abuse. The agency steps out into the community – over the phone, in courtrooms, police stations, hospitals, schools, the workplace, and at community meetings – to provide crisis intervention and education to help victims and families prevent violence in future generations. HAVEN staff manage a Personal Protection Order Office exclusively for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault located in the Circuit Court system, helping victims with the creation and filing of Personal Protection Orders, at no charge, as the first step in their safety plan.

HAVEN, through its comprehensive work, serves to break the silence that has kept the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault behind closed doors. This silence has only served to allow these crimes to flourish. From July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 114 individuals were seen within our programs and 148 crisis calls were received from families in the City of Novi who took the first step to break their own silence by contacting HAVEN.

Our agency is again reaching out to you for support of our work with an even greater need as we assume the burden of increased clientele and additional staff to maintain these vital services. We ask that you continue to support these families through a Community Development Block Grant of 1\$5000 for fiscal year 2024. Please remember the federal government presumes that domestic violence victims are considered to be low-income and therefore qualify for inclusion in block grant public service requests.

HAVEN looks forward to the opportunity to meet with you this year to provide further information on this request and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you wish to speak with me, I can be reached at (248) 334-1284, Ext. 305, or you may contact our Administrative Assistant, Taylor Budnar, 303.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hoskins
Director of Quality Assurance and Administration
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2022-2023 HAVEN

HAVEN Program Name	Cost Per Client	Notes
<u>Residential</u> Emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include: Room and board, food, clothing, transportation, counseling and advocacy.	\$2,595	(30 day avg. stay)
<u>Counseling Program</u> Individual, group and parent/child counseling for adult victims, children and teens who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse.	\$470	
<u>Advocacy</u> Court Advocacy for domestic violence and child abuse victims who go to court. Immediate response for victims at the hospital or police station after an assault.	\$420	
<u>START Program</u> Sexual assault forensic examination, medical and emotional support.	\$1,065	
<u>Crisis and Support Line</u> 24/7 hotline providing callers with crisis intervention, support, understanding, and resources/referrals to other agencies when necessary.	\$125	(per 15 minute call)
<u>Personal Protection Orders</u> Staff provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and stalking with the PPO process.	\$166	