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A CIRCLE OF HOPE

100+ Women Who Care Supports Cece's Hope Center

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IN THE EAST VALLEY, generosity has once again written a story of hope. At their Q3 Giving Circle, the women of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun – East Valley united to support an organization changing lives in the most profound way: Cece's Hope Center, a safe haven for young women facing vulnerabilities and survivors of sex trafficking.

Cece's Hope Center was created with one mission in mind: to empower survivors of sexual exploitation to reclaim their lives. For young women who have endured unimaginable trauma, the first step toward healing is safety. That's why the center provides secure housing, a

nurturing environment, and the stability these survivors need to begin their journeys toward independence.

Here, survivors are not only supported; they are seen, heard, and believed. They gain access to counseling, life-skills training, education, and job readiness programs. Most importantly, they find a community that reminds them they are not defined by their past—but by the resilience and strength they carry into their future.

This quarter, members' collective donations of \$10,725 will help provide safe housing for survivors. That gift directly supports the center's most vital need: keeping a roof over survivors' heads. A safe and nurturing home is more than shelter; it is the foundation of healing. It is the difference between living in survival mode and stepping into a future filled with possibility.

The women of the East Valley Giving Circle came together not just to give money, but to give dignity, stability, and love. Their choice reflects the heart of their mission: when women unite, they can tackle the hardest problems in our

communities and lift up those who need it most.

"We are deeply grateful to 100+ Women Who Care for this incredible support. In this milestone year for Cece's Hope Center, their generosity is a catalyst for growth—helping us build the infrastructure needed to move into a larger facility. With this expansion, we will be able to serve even more women on their journey of healing and freedom from the trauma of human trafficking," shared Lea Benson, Co-Founder and CEO.

Since 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated more than \$1.5 million to local nonprofits. Each gift tells a story of compassion in action—a reminder that ordinary women, united in purpose, can create extraordinary impact.

They invite you to join them at their next East Valley Giving Circle on November 4th. Guests are always welcome. Learn more at 100wwcvalleyofthesun.org.

To become an Ambassador of Hope at Cece's Hope Center, visit cecescenter.org or email info@cecescenter.org.