

United Airlines to Provide Free Passage for Domestic Violence Victims *United Airlines Teams Up with Dr. Kathie Mathis of Mathis & Associates Domestic Violence Advocacy Program to fly women and their children to safety*

Glendale, California - An estimated 5.3 million cases of domestic violence occur among U.S. women ages 18 and older each year, resulting in nearly two million injuries. In a call to action, United Airlines with the help of Judy Lerner, who is an Associate of Mathis & Associates Training Program, and Dr. Kathie Mathis, CEO, teamed up to fly women and their children, whose lives are threatened by death, to safety. "For ten years, I have been advocating for an airline to step up and help. United Airlines answered the call and has set itself apart from other airlines by this unprecedented commitment to save the lives of domestic violence victims," said Dr. Kathie Mathis, CEO and a recipient of the Making a Difference for Women Award by Soroptimist International Glendale Chapter for her advocacy for the safety of women and children.

In 2000, 1,247 women were killed by an intimate partner. "When abusers threaten to kill their victim(s), domestic violence shelter programs need access to move those threatened immediately out of the area and to safety," said Mathis who has been addressing abuse issues for more than 20 years. "United Airlines "gets it" and knows the most valuable gift – the life of a child."

The gift of UA's free passage for domestic violence victims includes:

- 24-hour access to UA designated personnel to get women/children to safety
- 10 airline vouchers, which would help 2 – 3 families each year
- Instant ability by Mathis & Associates to protect women/children by this new safety program for all domestic violence shelter programs in California.
- Get women to a safer place where they can change their identity and have violent
- free lives and raise their children without fear of death
- Keep abusers from killing their victims
- Creates an important consequence for the abuser to have his victims out of his grasp

"While United Airlines is not in the business of domestic violence, they have decided to be a modern day "Noah's Ark" for the California's Domestic Violence Programs," said Mathis. "We are so very proud to have them sponsor and join us in the work of eliminating violence against women and children."

Dr. Kathie Mathis met a wonderful woman at a training she facilitated on Domestic Violence Certification. Judy Lerner attended the 40 Hour State recognized certification training facilitated by Dr. Mathis and heard her talk about her struggle to get the airlines to assist in giving tickets to assist victims of abuse when their lives are threatened and they need to move out of the State. Judy was impressed to make a phone call to a contact person at United Airlines and the rest is history as they say. Dr. Mathis is most grateful to the help and commitment Judy has to helping victims of Domestic Violence. Her phone call opened the door for Dr. Kathie to make the request and receive the tickets to save the lives of women in need. Judy now works with Dr. Mathis on Workplace Violence Prevention projects.