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### **W.H.O. Foundation Awards \$20,000 to Harbor, Inc.**

Smithfield, NC — BeautiControl® Senior Director Tink Morris has helped Harbor, Inc., a private non-profit agency, receive a Volunteer Service Grant in the amount of \$20,000 from W.H.O. (Women Helping Others®) Foundation. This organization provides help, hope and safety to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and displaced homemakers in Johnston County.

BeautiControl® Senior Director Tink Morris will present the check during Harbor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M. at the Johnston Health walking trail in Smithfield. More than 300 local businessmen and community leaders are expected to wear women's high heels and participate in this year's walk.

"I was very honored when I was notified that W.H.O. selected them for a grant," Tink Morris told us. "Hearing former victims tell how Harbor helped them turn their lives around and, in many cases, saved their lives, motivates us to keep working."

According to Harbor Executive Director, Keri Christensen, "I was very excited when I heard the news about the W.H.O. grant. In these economic times funding is difficult to secure. A grant of this magnitude will make a huge difference in the lives of the women and children we serve."

The grant funds will be used to purchase a 15-passenger van that will transport women and children who are seeking safety and support at the Harbor Shelter. "When families enter shelters, typically they have nothing but the clothes on their back," Christensen explained. "They have to begin their lives anew. With the purchase of this van, we'll be able to transport them to court, appointments, job interviews, potential rental properties, as well as fun family outings to the park, movies and recreation centers for years to come. Without this grant, Harbor would not be able to continue this service to women and children in need."

The W.H.O. Volunteer Service Grant was established as a way to recognize those BeautiControl Independent Consultants for outstanding volunteer service in their community. Only BeautiControl Consultants may apply for this award, allowing them to give back to the community in which she works and lives.

“We are ever grateful for the generosity and support of our Independent Consultants. It is because of them that we are able to change so many lives,” says W.H.O. Foundation Executive Director Cindy Turek. “As the number of BeautiControl Independent Consultants and associates grows and support our vision, we will be able to help so many more organizations and change so many more lives!”

#### About the W.H.O. Foundation

Established in 1993, the W.H.O. Foundation is committed to encouraging women everywhere to help others through community service, supporting organizations dedicated to the needs of women, children and families in crisis. W.H.O. has been enlightening, educating and empowering women and families for nearly 18 years, and has awarded over 4.2 million dollars in grants.

#### About Harbor, Inc.

Created in 1984, Harbor, Inc. is the only non-profit agency in Johnston County that provides safe, compassionate and advocacy services and support specifically to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and women in transition. Last year Harbor, Inc. assisted more than 3,000 women and children through their 24-hour crisis line, shelter, court advocacy, housing assistance, transportation assistance programs.