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Marie Ernst is honored to be partnering with the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual violence for positive change.

This holiday season Marie Ernst will introduce a new partnership with the Oregon Coalition that will benefit survivors of domestic and sexual violence. '2 Help & 2 Heal' With each purchase of a Marie Ernst bar of soap, \$2 will be donated directly to the Oregon Coalition's efforts of establishing a **flexible fund for survivors of abuse across the state**.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are pervasive and life-threatening crimes affecting millions of individuals across our nation regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, or education. Personal safety and economic security are inextricably linked for victims of domestic violence. For many victims, concerns over their ability to provide for themselves and their children are a significant reason for staying in or returning to an abusive relationship. Access to resources that increase economic stability are essential in rebuilding a life after abuse.

## About Marie Ernst™

Marie Ernst<sup>™</sup> is a Portland, Oregon Company that produces luxury soaps and innovative accessories that are useful and forward thinking. Marie Ernst Beauty Bars are a creamy cleansing dual-purpose interlocking soap where one side gently exfoliates, moisturizes and polishes your skin and the other scented side moisturizes and beautifies your entire body.

Marie Ernst strives to reignite self-confidence in women and men across our country. In an effort to make everyone feel more comfortable in her or his own skin, we are here to provide those first steps: We believe all women and men should step out of the bath or shower with renewed skin, and most importantly, renewed confidence.

All of our products are: All-natural, hypoallergenic, paraben-free, cruelty-free,

9570 SW Barbur Boulevard, Suite 214 • Portland, OR 97219 Office: 503.230.1951 • Fax: 503.230.1973 phthalate-free, vegan and sustainable, protecting our environment with no use of microbeads that pollute our streams and oceans.

With the new advances we've made in bar soap there's no better way to cleanse and hydrate your skin.

For more information on Marie Ernst<sup>™</sup> and our new '2 Help & 2 Heal' campaign that will benefit survivors of domestic and sexual violence, visit us at www.marieernst.com.

## About the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Founded in 1978, the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence through community awareness, specialized consultation, outreach and public policy efforts. These activities promote recognition of sexual and domestic violence, enhance statewide systemic responses to survivors and their families, and support innovative approaches to preventing domestic and sexual violence.

Our mission promotes equity and social change in order to end violence for all communities. We seek to transform society by engaging diverse voices, supporting the self-determination of survivors and providing leadership for advocacy efforts. Oregon Coalition staff, board members and member agencies serve on multiple statewide committees, task forces and alliances to further our organizational mission.

For more information on The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.ocadsv.org.

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