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**Ventura County Family Justice Center Receives \$10,000 in Uber “Hope Rides”
to Support Survivors’ Access to Critical Services**

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) has received a boost in its ability to help victims and survivors reach safety and support. The VCFJC was selected as one of only 15 Family Justice Centers in the nation to receive \$10,000 in Uber for Business credits through *Hope Rides*, a new partnership between Alliance for HOPE International and Uber aimed at eliminating transportation barriers for those experiencing violence or abuse.

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“Reliable transportation should never stand between a survivor and safety,” said Chief Deputy District Attorney Brent Nibecker, who oversees the VCFJC. “This generous award ensures victims can access the trauma-informed services they need, whether it’s assistance in seeking a restraining order, legal support, or emergency resources. We are deeply grateful to Alliance for HOPE International and Uber for recognizing this critical need and investing in our community.”

Since 2022, the VCFJC has partnered with Uber for Business to provide rides to and from the Center and to provide Uber Eats meals for clients awaiting services. The VCFJC currently spends approximately \$2,600 annually on Uber services and this award will significantly expand the capacity to bring victims to the VCFJC to receive the support they need.

Through *Hope Rides*, Uber is providing more than \$250,000 in ride credits to Family Justice Centers across nine states. These funds help survivors safely reach trauma-informed care, case management, legal assistance, housing support, medical services, and other essential resources.

Alliance for HOPE International is the accrediting body for Family Justice Centers nationwide, including the VCFJC.

The support will benefit clients served by the VCFJC, as well as future clients of the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center in Oxnard and the East County Family Justice Center in Thousand Oaks.

For more information about services offered by the VCFJC, visit fjc.venturacounty.gov.