



Sheriff Scott Israel

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Mary Riedel
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Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Riedel,

This letter is written in support of Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. and their commitment to providing services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The Broward Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigations Section is proud to collaborate with Women In Distress' domestic violence prevention and intervention efforts for the upcoming 2016 fiscal year.

Women In Distress provides victims of domestic violence and their children with vital services such as safe shelter, a support system to identify and meet their individual needs, and time to establish self-sufficiency in a violence-free life. In addition, Women In Distress educates the community about domestic violence, how to identify signs of abuse, the resources available if needed and what can be done to prevent further incidents.

We commend Women In Distress for their dedication and support them in their application for funding for FY2016, which will allow them to continue providing these much needed services to our community.

Sincerely,

Major Audrey Jones
Broward Sheriff's Office
Child Protective Investigations Section