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### **TMLP Answers the Call to Recycle Responsibly**

(TAUNTON, MA) – TMLP recently donated their used Nokia cell phones, chargers, batteries and miscellaneous accessories to New Hope, Inc., a local non-profit domestic and sexual violence agency serving the Greater Taunton area. With a cell phone upgrade required by their cellular provider, TMLP had 60 functioning phones available to donate. “We looked to the local shelters for survivors of domestic violence to see if there was a need for these used phones,” explains Tina Silveira, Assistant Supervisor of MIS.

New Hope, Inc. provides a variety of services to Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors. Their mission is “Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence in Our Community”. The donated phones are sent to a recycling program, which in turn provides revenues to New Hope for each phone donated. These funds are used by the non-profit to purchase new cell phones for survivors, and assist with other needs required to maintain their clients’ safety.

New Hope, Inc. actively serves the Taunton area, with programs such as: court advocates in the Taunton Courthouse who help survivors obtain restraining orders and other legal

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protections to help keep them safe, advocates who provide hospital accompaniment for sexual assault survivors at Morton Hospital, a toll-free 24.-hour hotline (1-800-323-HOPE/4673), counseling for adults and children who have experienced or witnessed domestic or sexual violence, a Transitional Living Program which houses clients for up to 18 months while working with them on safety and self sufficiency skills, as well as education and outreach in schools, businesses, police departments, civic groups and the general community, in addition to several other services.

“The more cell phones we receive, the more money we receive to help support the hundreds of families and thousands of individuals who rely on New Hope's services,” says Kimberly Thomas, Executive Director and President of New Hope, Inc.

If you have questions about New Hope, Inc. and the cell phone recycling program or would like details on where and when to drop off your used cell phones, contact the Development Office of New Hope, Inc. at 508.226.4015.

As a municipal electric company owned by the City of Taunton since 1897, TMLP provides electric service to 36,000 customers in Taunton, Berkley, Raynham, and sections of Dighton, Lakeville and Bridgewater. TMLP's daily operations are run by its General Manager - Michael Horrigan, and governed by a three-member Board of Commissioners elected by the citizens of Taunton, with Peter Corr as the Chairman, Joseph Martin as the Secretary, and Mark Blackwell Sr.

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