Appendix B

2007

Participant Name

Address

Dear :

I am writing to invite you to participate in a study, for which you will be compensated $20/hour for your time. I am interested in your experiences, thoughts, and feelings about the services you received or provided associated with the XXXXXXX {Program name}, namely the XXXXXX and/or XXXXX Housing projects.

About the researcher

I am an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at XXXXXX. I have been involved in different types of work and research with survivors of intimate partner violence for over 16. I have worked in shelters, crisis centers and have served on various coalitions and boards related to intimate partner violence. I am currently interested in services, such as transitional housing programs, for survivors of intimate partner violence that are different than the typical shelter programs. Consequently, I’d like to hear your thoughts, feelings, suggestions, and experiences associated with your interactions with the XXXXXX and/or XXXXX programs.

## Project description

I am seeking to interview the different people who are currently involved with, or have been involved as program participants in the past, with the XXXXXX and XXXXXX programs through the XXXXXXX {Program name}. I want to understand what you see as the strengths and limitations of these programs, as well as explore your experiences with these programs in order to help the XXXXXXX {Program name}and other services for survivors of intimate partner violence better serve women and children in need.

Should you choose to participate in this study, you would be asked to participate in one interview with me, or a research assistant, lasting no more than 1 hour. You would be **paid $20 per hour** for your time. The interview would be scheduled around your schedule and occur wherever is most convenient for you.

## Your rights

Each study participant will be given the opportunity to review transcripts **from their individual interviews** as well as any publications that may result from this study. All information will be confidential. Audiotapes and transcripts of the tapes will not hold identifying information. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You will have the right to refuse to answer any questions as well as the right to withdraw from the study at no loss to you.

## If you are interested

If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact me, XXXXXXX, at XXXXXX. When you call, I’ll be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the study and your possible participation in the study. Should you choose to participate, we will set up a time for a confidential interview that is convenient for you.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,