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5K Walk / Run for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

XENIA, Ohio – Sept. 30, 2009 – The Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County (FVPC) will be sponsoring “Pace for Peace” a 5K Walk/Run for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is an opportunity for individuals and families to direct their energies toward an important cause, to support the survivors of domestic violence, and to help them find their voice and get safe. All proceeds will go toward funding programs to prevent and to end domestic violence in Greene County.

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The race will be held on October 17, 2009 at 10am at John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs. Medals will be awarded to both the male and female; first place winners. “In the past, we were able to award medals for the first, second and third place winners, both male and female, in the following age groups: 15 yrs & under; 16-29; 30-49; 50-69; 70 & over. However, due to the drastic state cuts, the Center is regrettably unable to purchase medals for all of those categories,” says Donna Sizemore, executive director. Race results will be posted online at www.keysports.net and www.violencefreefutures.org.

Pre-registration will run now until October 14th for \$20 per individual participant. After October 14th, participants will need to register at the event location beginning at 8:30am for \$25 per individual participant. Teams of 5 or more can register together and participate for a discounted rate of \$15 per runner before October 14th and \$20 per runner after October 14th. All entries include 5k Walk / Run, T-Shirt and goodie bag. Children in a stroller or wagon will be permitted to participate in the race free of charge. Pets are welcome. As always, donations will be accepted for those who are not physically able to participate but wish to support Domestic Violence Awareness. Participants are also encouraged to ask their company to provide a matching gift to double their support and efforts in the fight against Domestic Violence in Greene County.

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Participants can register by downloading and printing the registration form from our website at www.violencefreefutures.org and/or Key Sports' website at www.keysports.net which then can be mailed or faxed to FVPC at the address provided. For more information or to register by phone, please call (937) 426-2334 or (937) 376-8526.

In October, throughout Greene County and the Miami Valley, there will be many events planned to recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you would like more information about these events click on the Family Violence Prevention Center at www.violencefreefutures.org, or phone them at 937-376-8526 or 937-426-6535. You can also go to the Ohio Domestic Violence Network at www.odvn.org or phone them at ODVN 1-800-934-9840.

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GET HELP

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone that is, please contact your local police department, or the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County. Please do not close your eyes to the violence. If you believe that the abuse will stop without help, you're wrong. Statistics show that over time the abuse gets worse.

ABOUT FVPC

Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County has a comprehensive range of services to help protect victims and provide the support services necessary to rebuild their lives through our four prong approach of Prevention, Safe Housing, Intervention and Outreach. Broadly, those services include a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, safe housing, children and youth services, community advocacy, counseling, education and training. The mission of the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County is: "We light the path to living violence free by responding, supporting, and providing safe housing to victims of family violence; by informing Greene County citizens of the impact of family violence; and by revealing ways to prevent and overcome its consequences."

Our Agency Core Values are: *Respect, Integrity and Compassion* and our Client-Centered Core Values are: *Independence, Courage and Strength*. Each day the staff at FVPC is dedicated to its vision of *Violence Free Futures*.

FVPC is enhancing the quality of life within the surrounding area and with the generous contributions from individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and local organizations have made it possible for the Center to earn the gratitude and respect of the citizens it serves. We humbly thank you for your contributions, and we encourage your continued support. If you would like to support

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FVPC with a monetary or in-kind donation please log on to www.violencefreefutures.org and click "**DONATE NOW.**" FVPC is a United Way Partner Agency, a contract agency with the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Greene County and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

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