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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **5K Walk / Run for National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Walking Together to STOP Child Abuse

**XENIA, Ohio – Mar. 4, 2009** – The Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County (FVPC) and Greene County Children Services will be sponsoring Walking to STOP Child Abuse 5K Walk/Run and each participant will be adorned with blue ribbons in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is an opportunity for individuals and families to direct their energies toward an important cause, to support the survivors of child abuse and domestic violence, and to help our children find their voice and get safe. All proceeds will go toward funding programs to prevent and to end child and family violence.

The race will be held on April 4, 2009 at 10am with the race beginning and finishing at Beaver Creek High School. Medals will be awarded to both the male and female; first, second and third place winners in the following age groups: 15 yrs & under; 16-29; 30-49; 50-69; 70 & over. Race results will be posted online at [www.keysports.net](http://www.keysports.net) and [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org).

Pre-registration will run now until March 30th for \$20 per participant. After March 30th, participants will need to register at the event location beginning at 8:30am for \$25. Teams of 5 or more can register together and participate for a discounted rate of \$15 per runner before March 30th and \$20 per runner after March 30th. 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. As always, donations will be accepted for those who are not physically able to participate but wish to support Child Abuse Prevention. Participants are also encouraged to ask their company to provide a matching gift to double their support and efforts in the fight against Child Abuse and Domestic Violence.

Participants can register online at [www.keysports.net](http://www.keysports.net). Printable registration forms are available for download on our website at [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org), Children Services' website at [www.greenecsb.org/NewsEvents.html](http://www.greenecsb.org/NewsEvents.html), and Key Sports' website at [www.keysports.net](http://www.keysports.net) which then can be

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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.

**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 to reduce family violence and its impact in Greene County.

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 FVPC with a monetary or in-kind donation please log on to [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org) and click "**DONATE NOW.**"

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