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Hundreds of Purple Ribbons Hung in Greene County for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

XENIA, Ohio – Oct. 1, 2009 – What began close to two decades ago in scattered communities as a visible gesture of support for survivors and victims of domestic violence, today has become one of the most widely-recognized symbols of the domestic violence movement—the purple ribbon.

The Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County coordinated a campaign and has hung over 600 purple ribbons in all the cities, villages and townships in Greene County in October for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The purple ribbons are hung in Beavercreek, Bowersville, Cedarville, Clifton, Fairborn, Jamestown, Spring Valley, Xenia, and Yellow Springs. On the week of October 25-31, The Greene Towne Center in Beavercreek will be adorned with purple ribbons as we close out the month's events.

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Purple Ribbon pins will be passed out to every police station and Sherriff's Office in Greene County. Every officer will wear the ribbon on his/her lapel as a constant reminder to individuals who perpetrate domestic violence that it will not be tolerated and to individuals who have been victims that our community is a safe haven against this heinous crime.

Across the entire Miami Valley, families and friends of victims have adopted the purple ribbon to remember and honor their loved ones who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted. Shelters and local domestic violence programs like the Family Violence Prevention Center are using the purple ribbon to raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in our communities.

In addition to the demonstration of support for victims and advocates, the display of purple ribbons throughout the communities in Greene County conveys a powerful message that there's no place for domestic violence in the homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools of its citizen's.

October may be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but it is important to remember that domestic violence happens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, so be aware of it all the time. There are always activities and programs available year-round.

- It is estimated that 6 million women per year are assaulted by their partners [1]
- 47 % of husbands who beat their wife's do so 3 or more times a year [1]
- It is estimated that a current partner or ex-husband killed 52% of female murder victims [1]

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 @ www.violencefreefutures.org, or phone them at 937-376-8526 or 937-426-6535. You can also go to the Ohio Domestic Violence Network @ 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*.

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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 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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