



**Family Violence Prevention Center
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Family Violence Prevention Center to hold Candlelight Vigil at Greene County Courthouse

XENIA, Ohio – Sept. 28, 2009 – Community members and leaders from Greene County will light a candle and Pause for Peace at the annual candlelight vigil on Monday, October 5, 2009, 6:00pm at the Greene County Courthouse, in Xenia. The vigil, sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, will be held to raise awareness of domestic violence here in Greene County. The program will include vocal music, readings and poems written by survivors of domestic violence, as well as special presentations. The entire community is invited to attend.

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Executive Director, Donna Sizemore says, “The true purpose of the vigil is to honor and recognize the victims, survivors and thrivers who with courage sought and found assistance and have been empowered through the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County. The Clothesline Project, a display of story-telling t-shirts created by the residents of the shelter, will also be on display. The Greene County Courthouse is located at the corner of Detroit Avenue and Main Street in Xenia.

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 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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