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Family Violence Prevention Center Launches Campaign to Raise \$25,000



XENIA, Ohio – Feb. 8, 2008 – To strengthen our efforts against domestic violence in Greene County, the Family Violence Prevention Center is launching a campaign to raise \$25,000. This campaign responds to a challenge grant. The Morgan Family Foundation has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar the \$25,000 raised by the community. The Center will use the money raised for general operating support, which funds life-changing intervention to domestic violence victims.

Without the generous support of the community, the Center's services would not be possible. Brian Wakefield, President of the Board of Trustees, Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, said "Individuals, businesses, and other organizations in the Greene County community are the voices that stop violence. Their donations and volunteer efforts have brought the Center a long way in realizing our vision of violence-free futures for victims of domestic violence. There is, however, much more work to do. The Center's Board of Trustees, the staff, and those who know the work of the Center need to continue to invite others to join the voices that stop violence. Our invitation should always contain the elements of change, choice, and energy."

The Morgan Family Foundation accepted the invitation. The Foundation saw the need to make a change. So, they made the choice to join the fight to end domestic violence in Greene County. The reason the Foundation decided to challenge the community to donate \$25,000 was two-fold – its belief in the mission of the Center and its knowledge of the upcoming funding shortfalls the Center is facing. Once the community donates this dollar amount, the Foundation will match the community's energy with a \$25,000 donation. What an inspirational way to respond to the invitation to join the voices that stop violence while also ensuring the future of the Family Violence Prevention Center.

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We call upon those who have never given and those who are currently giving to increase their gift and help us raise the \$25,000. Wakefield went on to say, "We not only want to meet the Morgan Family Foundation challenge of raising \$25,000, but we want to surpass this goal. We must all join together and raise our voices in a resounding NO to domestic violence. We must understand the need for the change, choose it, and put our energy behind the choice. We believe that change, choice, and energy lights the path to fulfilling the Center's vision of violence free futures."

According to Donna Sizemore, Executive Director, Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, "The timeline for the fundraising campaign will run now through the end of April with special events in between that will help us spread the word to everyone feeling the call and need to give. This campaign is more than just raising money, it's about giving our community a boost of energy to recognize the choice we have to band together and ultimately bring about the change that is needed to make a difference. The reality today is that federal, state and local funds are diminishing. In the last few weeks we have been notified of budgets cuts which affect the Center from both the federal and state level for 2008. With the support of the community-at-large (corporations, foundations, religious institutions, community organizations, and individuals) those who are in need of help and support will continue to be able to have the Family Violence Prevention Center to turn to for positive life-changing new beginnings. . . today and tomorrow."

Sizemore continues by saying, "The mission of the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County is to reduce family violence and its impact in Greene County. The staff works each day doing just that for families, friends, and neighbors here in Greene County. The Center also provides a number of outreach services to individuals who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence. We are hopeful that the support generated by the challenge grant will enable FVPC to continue to provide these services and many more to the Greene County community.

About FVPC

The Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County is enhancing the quality of life within the surrounding area. And the generous contributions from individuals, 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." For more information visit, www.fvpcgc.org.

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For more information on supporting the Family Violence Prevention Center in this challenge grant, please contact Megan Marrinan, Development Associate, Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County at 937.376.8527 ext. 17 or megan.marrinan@fvpcgc.org.

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