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University of Dayton campaigns class partnering with local non-profit organization

DAYTON, Ohio – Sept. 25 2009 – University of Dayton students are partnering with the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County (FVPC) to develop a project that will help the organization in its efforts to provide victims of family violence a safe place.

“This project with UD students could not come at a more opportune time, as our shelter facility has been over capacity since February and we have already exceeded last year’s total shelter days by more than 1200 days,” said Director of Client Services Debbie Matheson. “We have limited resources, and a need to help the citizens of our community.”

The center promotes violence-free lifestyles through the response, support and provision of safe housing to victims of family violence. It also informs citizens of the impact of family violence and teaches ways to prevent and overcome its harmful effects.

“As a result of today’s tough economic challenges, the Board and I had to make some tough decisions such as deciding not to allocate cost-of-living increases to staff members, cutting nine staff members’ time, not filling a position when it became vacant and letting another staff member go,” said Donna Sizemore, executive director. “The work being done by these talented students fills a much-needed gap for us.”

The public relations campaign class will work for the next several weeks on redesigning the center’s informational brochures. The focus of this project will help promote the center and offer the UD capstone class real-world public relations experience.

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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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