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Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center Conducts Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Volunteer Training

Volunteer training provides a tremendous impact in serving the over 1,400 victims of domestic violence that the Center helps every year

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., February 22, 2013 – The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is pleased to announce, that it will begin its Volunteer Training. The purpose of this training is to take volunteers from wondering why a victim simply does not leave an abusive situation to understanding all the obstacles and challenges to safely leaving an abusive relationship. Volunteers will have a deeper insight into the dynamics of domestic violence and its effects on the victim and will be given the tools and resources with which to work with our clients, as well as develop skills to help assist victims of domestic violence.

The Volunteer Training classes will begin Tuesday, March 5th for a total of 25 hours of training over the following six weeks, including three evenings and two Saturday sessions. Upon completion of the volunteer training, volunteers will have the opportunity to assist in a variety of programs and services, including our 24-hour hotline, court advocacy program, rapid response program and children's advocacy program.

The Center also has many other opportunities that do not require training, such as special events, outreach projects and administrative work. Interested volunteers will be part of a program that provides vital services addressing the critical needs of the victims of domestic violence and their families in our area.

For more information about our upcoming Volunteer Training please contact Laura Sampson (978) 465-0999 ext.19 or email lsampson@jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org.

For 30 years, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center has been helping individuals and families at risk because of domestic violence. What began as the compassionate mission of several volunteer parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport in 1982 has grown into a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence from Amesbury, Merrimac, Georgetown, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, West Newbury, and Groveland. The mission of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is to empower community members to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing support, advocacy, and education. For more information, call 978-465-0999, visit www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org or call the 24-hour confidential crisis hotline at 978-388-1888.

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