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The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center Sponsors its Annual Holiday Giving Program for 2012

Program provides gifts to local families who need help this holiday season

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., November, 19, 2012 – The holidays are a natural time to think about others, especially those who are affected by domestic violence. To help the families we serve experience a holiday season filled with warmth and joy, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center sponsors its annual **Holiday Giving Program**. The Holiday Giving Program is divided into three separate categories; **Gift Cards**, **Adopt A Family**, and a **Book for Every Child**.

“This time of year can be difficult for so many, especially individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence. The Holiday Giving Program pairs those who are who are facing difficult times with someone else in the community who is able to share and willing to give. It is a great program that provides our families with some extra help during the holidays and it truly shows what a supportive and generous community we belong to,” says Suzanne Dubus, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.

The Gift Card Program helps our families with additional expenses during the holiday season and allows more flexibility for their specific needs. Suggested gift cards are for grocery stores, retail, and gas. They can be purchased online at www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org or they can be dropped off or mailed to:

Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center
5 Market Square, Suite 109
Amesbury, MA 01913

or

2 Harris Street
Newburyport, MA 0195

The Adopt a Family Program, which matches donors with a family from the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center that is in need this holiday season, has been fulfilled! Due to advance online booking, all of our families have been adopted for this holiday season.

A Book for Every Child Program ensures that each child receives a book for the holiday season. Participating local book stores, Jabberwocky Bookshop in Newburyport and Bertram & Oliver Booksellers in Amesbury, have a selection of recommended books at their stores to be purchased. Books can either be left at the book store for pick up later or dropped off at either of our locations.

If your business or community would like to sponsor a “Gift Card Tree” or if you would like any additional information regarding our Holiday Giving Program, please contact Laura Sampson at 978-465-0999 X19.

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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