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Haven House Recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month This October

Buffalo, NY – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As Erie County's only licensed domestic violence shelter, Haven House is available for anyone who needs its services.

There were at least three domestic violence homicides reported in just the past three months. These tragedies highlight the urgent need for the lifesaving services Haven House provides. Survivors who come to us are often leaving everything behind in order to find safety, sometimes unable to take even the most basic belongings without putting themselves at greater risk. At Haven House, they find a safe place to heal and begin again. In addition to shelter, survivors have access to counseling, legal advocacy, education and other resources designed to help them rebuild their lives free from violence.

Social workers and advocates at Haven House will be available for interviews throughout the month of October for any domestic violence awareness or prevention stories. Please email or call Garrett Chambers to arrange.

What: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
When: The Month of October
Who: Haven House Team

Haven House will also be hosting its annual **Shine the Light** press conference to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. at 844 Delaware Avenue. During this event, local leaders will speak to the work done to combat domestic violence.

Those feeling unsafe in a relationship can call our confidential hotline at (716) 884-6000 or use the online messaging system at www.cfsbny.org/hh-chat/. Haven House's trained, compassionate staff are available 24 hours a day to provide information and support.



About Child and Family Services

Founded in 1873, C+FS relies on its generations of expertise and multi-faceted programs to provide the people of its region with essential resources. It serves children, adults and families in the eight counties of Western New York without regard to race, creed, national origin or economic status.

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