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The Family Crisis Center of East Texas Commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Nacogdoches County

Throughout the month of October, the Family Crisis Center of East Texas will raise public awareness about domestic violence by holding public activities and events in the area. This year's theme is "Love Should Never Hurt."

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas will kick off the month by joining the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition as we take part in the Stephen F. Austin State University tradition of tailgating at the first home game on October 4. The agency will be located beside the Alumni Booth and kids' area. Community members are encouraged to come out and enjoy the brand new Family Crisis Center of East Texas photo booth and props. Then, stick around for the game and be one of the lucky recipients of a Family Crisis Center of East Texas football that will be tossed to game patrons by the Stephen F. Austin State University Cheerleaders.

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas is also collaborating with Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. The agency will be a guest speaker at the Hospital's Med Staff meeting on October 6. The presentation will cover signs of domestic violence in medical patients, steps to take if someone is a victim of domestic violence, and the resources that are available to them.

To wrap up the month, the Family Crisis Center of East Texas and the Nacogdoches County S.A.V.E. Coalition will be showing the 2013 film, *Safe Haven* starring Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel, and Cobie Smulders at the Stephen F. Austin State University Student Center Theater. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted in lieu of admission.

Supporters can also show support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month by wearing purple throughout October as we "Paint the Town Purple." The official "Love Should Never Hurt" t-shirts can be purchased at www.fcet.com. The shirts are \$6 and are available starting now through October 31st. The Family Crisis Center would like to thank Dolphin Printing in Nacogdoches, who generously donated a portion of the cost of the t-shirts.

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas continues to advance its mission of enhancing the safety of women, children and men by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services to reduce and prevent the occurrence of family violence and sexual assault through education and community awareness. The agency provides numerous services, and last year alone provided 1,185 residential and non-residential clients with over 102,000 essential services.

For more information regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities occurring in the area, or to find out how you can assist the agency, visit our website, www.fcet.com or contact Susan Robertson at the Family Crisis Center of East Texas at (936) 639-1681 or srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com.

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