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**The Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas Commemorates
Sexual Assault Awareness Month with Area Events**

To prevent sexual assault in area communities, the Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas will raise public awareness throughout the month of April. This year's theme for the month will be **"Walk With Me – Your Voice Has Power."**

The Family Crisis Center will hold a **"Walk With Me"** event in each of the cities where their offices are located within the nine county service area. Speakers will be on hand to commemorate the event and lunch will be served at each location. There will be a display of teal colored pairs of shoes depicting the number of sexual assault survivors the Family Crisis Center assisted in 2018. And attendees will have the opportunity to show their support by signing a pair of jeans in preparation for "Denim Day" and by pinning a ribbon to the "Circle of Truth Wreath."

The first **"Walk With Me"** event will be held on Thursday, April 4th at noon in the Community Room of the Shelby County Courthouse, 200 San Augustine St. in Center, TX, 75935. Pizza will be served.

The following **"Walk With Me"** event will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 16th at the Louis Bronaugh Park (across from City Hall), 328 Charlton St. in Lufkin, TX, 75904. The Family Crisis Center will provide lunch through Curbside Café food truck which will be onsite.

The third **"Walk With Me"** event will be held on Thursday, April 25th at noon at the Family Crisis Center office, (off of the town square), 310 E. Houston Ave. in Crockett, TX, 75835. Pizza will be served.

The Family Crisis Center will wrap up the **"Walk With Me"** events on Tuesday, April 30th at noon at the Nacogoches County Extension Office (on Main Street) at 203 W. Main St., #101, Nacogoches, TX 75961. The Family Crisis Center will provide lunch

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through Say Cheese food truck which will be onsite. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Family Crisis Center.

Denim Day is Wednesday, April 24th. As part of the nation-wide, annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign, National Denim Day is a campaign originally triggered in 1999 by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court when a rape conviction was overturned. The justices felt that since the 18 year-old rape victim was wearing tight jeans, she had to have helped her 45 year-old attached remove her jeans, thereby implying consent instead of rape. Since then, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a visual symbol of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. Millions of supporters around the country and globally are expected to participate by wearing jeans on **Denim Day** this year.

The Janelle Grum Family Crisis Center of East Texas is leading the path to end sexual assault and domestic violence in our community. Through education and community awareness, such occurrences can be reduced or prevented by providing emergency crisis and advocacy services. The Family Crisis Center benefits from the support of the Angelina County S.A.V.E. (Sexual Assault Violence Education) Coalition through partnering with them on endeavors to educate the community.

For more information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities occurring in the area, or to find out how you can assist the agency, contact Greta Rich at (936) 639-1681 or grich@fccet.com.

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