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Big Dreams Become a Reality: Family Crisis Center of East Texas Thrift Store Grand Opening

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas Thrift Store will open the doors of the new building located at 206 Whitehouse Drive in Lufkin, adjacent to Wal-Mart Super Center, on Thursday, June 18th. Through the support of the community, this dream has become a reality.

“Here at the Family Crisis Center we are dreamers,” said Heather Kartye, Executive Director for the Family Crisis Center of East Texas. “We have big dreams for our survivors, programs, and of course for our Thrift Stores.”

In 2004, a group of women in Angelina County had a vision for the Family Crisis Center to open a store in Lufkin. That vision became a reality by opening the “Steppin’ Out” store. Today, the Family Crisis Center of East Texas Thrift Store has the privilege of opening the doors to a brand new building. The Thrift Store provides valuable resources to the Family Crisis Center of East Texas including job skills training and vouchers for survivors, along with unrestricted funding for the agency.

Beginning with a ribbon cutting, free breakfast from Whataburger, and balloons to children at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 18th, the four-day weekend extravaganza grand opening features daily events through Sunday, June 21st. Thursday will kick off the festivities as “Donor Appreciation Day.” When you drop off a donation on Thursday, donors will receive a Family Crisis Center t-shirt and coupon to use that day. “Bargain Hunters Bizarre” is scheduled for Friday, June 19th with couponing demo classes at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lemonade and cookies will be provided to customers while supplies last. Saturday, June 20th is the “Family Fun Festival” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the store for free hot dogs, popcorn, carnival style games and prizes, K & B Moonwalk Bounce House, and a live remote from KICKS 105. In addition, there will be a drawing for a \$200 in-store shopping spree. To wrap up the weekend events in honor of Father’s Day, June 21st is the “Man of the Hour Mayhem.” Enjoy live music by Joe Cuellar, free BBQ chicken on a stick and door prizes every hour donated by Ross Motor Sports.

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. For more information regarding the Family Crisis Center of East Texas, contact Susan Robertson at (936) 639-1681 or srobertsonwset@suddenlinkmail.com.

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