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## **FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF EAST TEXAS COMMEMORATES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Family Crisis Center of East Texas will commemorate the occasion by holding two public activities in the area. This year's theme is "An Empty Place at the Table™."

The Family Crisis Center will display a table with place settings that will illustrate individuals killed by their intimate partner. Survivors of domestic violence and unreported incidences of domestic violence will also be depicted through the exhibit. The "Empty Place at the Table" events will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at the C.L. Simon Recreation Center at 1112 North Street in Nacogdoches and on Wednesday October 24, 2012, in the City Hall Atrium at 300 E. Shepherd Ave. in Lufkin. The exhibits will be on display from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. At 12:00 noon, lunch will be served to attendees and a special program will take place.

"Domestic violence is a deadly crime that creates a painful void – a permanent empty place at the table – for families whose loved ones were killed at the hands of abusers," said Heather Kartye, Executive Director for the Family Crisis Center of East Texas. "The activities planned during the month of October will create a greater understanding of the impact domestic violence has on our communities as a whole."

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. In fact, during 2011, the agency provided 1,134 residential and non-residential clients with over 53,000 essential services.

For more information regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities occurring in the area, or to find how you can assist the agency, contact the Family Crisis Center of East Texas at (936) 639-1681 or [familycrisiscenter@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:familycrisiscenter@suddenlinkmail.com).

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