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The Family Crisis Center of East Texas Commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Angelina 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 "Hands Are Not for Hitting," based on the children's book by Martine Agassi, Ph.D.

The Family Crisis Center will kick off the month by holding a Movie in the Park open free to the public. We will be showing the movie, *The Hunger Games*, which is rated PG-13 and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13. The Movie in the Park will begin at 6 p.m. at Louis Bronaugh Park Amphitheater in Lufkin.

If you have younger children, we invite you to join us for the "Hands are Not for Hitting" Bilingual Story and Craft Night at the Kurth Memorial Library on October 14th at 5:30 p.m. The evening will be full of fun, including reading, singing & dancing, and Halloween crafting!!

Also this year, the Family Crisis Center is introducing two new contests to encourage community involvement. Children in grades K- 5th can enter in the Hands Are Not for Hitting Poster Contest. Have your child create a poster illustrating ways they can use their hands other than for harm. Posters are due to the Family Crisis Center by October 25th. One winner per grade level will be announced and receive a prize during the last week of October. People who have a Facebook account, regardless of age, can take part in the Facebook #HarmlessHands Picture Contest. Through October 25th, take a picture of your hands in action! Show us what your hands can do besides hitting. Make sure to include the hash tag #HarmlessHands to qualify to win. One winner will be announced and receive a prize during the last week of October.

You can also show your support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month by wearing purple on October 11th as we "Paint the Town Purple!" and you can purchase the official "Hands Are Not for Hitting" t-shirt at www.fcet.com. The shirts are \$6 can be purchased starting now through October 31st. We 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 1,154 residential and non-residential clients with over 75,000 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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