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Incite safety in the New River Valley by supporting Healthy Relationships Week at Giles and Narrows High Schools

(Radford, VA) –Community members in Giles County can positively impact the lives of Giles teens by working together to create a community free of sexual and domestic violence during Healthy Relationships Weeks for Giles High School, from February 6- February 10, and for Narrows High School, March 13-March 17.

Each year, the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley (WRC), implements a Healthy Relationships Week at each high school in Giles County. By working together with representatives from the WRC, Giles County Public Schools, and the Giles youth Adult Partnership (GYAP), the team plans a week of activities to promote building relationships grounded in respect, equality, honesty, communication, and trust.

Community members can partner with the WRC providing prizes for the students, hosting awareness presentations in the community, placing ribbons or declarations in their offices, or distributing topical inserts in their church bulletin or business.

Currently the Giles Board of Supervisors, the Narrows Town Council, and the Pearisburg Town Council, partner alongside the WRC and GYAP in promoting Healthy Relationships Week, by declaring February as a "Healthy Relationships Month" in Giles County. With this proclamation instated, the leadership of Giles recognizes the components that make up healthy relationships and the action that the community must take at large to incite safety and prevent intimate partner violence.

"We are thankful for a community that comes together to incite safety," said Pat Brown, Executive Director. "Because of the compassionate, dedicated people of Giles, the WRC has the ability to make a difference in the lives and futures of many teens."

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) is a non-profit human service agency, serving Giles County, Floyd County, Montgomery County, Pulaski County, and the City of Radford. The WRC has changed the lives of many community members by providing programs and services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence. For almost forty years, the WRC has been providing hope and help to those who need it, making it the oldest domestic violence center in Virginia.

For more information on Healthy Relationships Week, contact Linda Johnson at 540.639.9592 or Peaceline@wrnrv.org. People can also visit the Women's Resource Center website at Wrcnrv.org.

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