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Giles and Narrows High School incite safety in the New River Valley by supporting Healthy Relationships Week

RADFORD, Va. – Feb. 18, 2019 – 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 Narrows High School, from March 18-March 22, and for Giles High School, from March 25-March 29.

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 members of the community, the team plans a week of activities to promote building healthy relationships grounded in respect, equality, honesty, communication, and trust.

February has been declared "Teen Dating Violence Month" in Giles County by way of proclamations signed by; Giles County Board of Supervisors, Glen Lynn Town Council, Narrows Town Council, Pearisburg Town Council, and Rich Creek Town Council. They also partner alongside the WRC by recognizing Healthy Relationships Week at each high school in Giles County. Pembroke Town Council has the signing of their proclamation on the agenda for March. 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.

Community members are invited to support this program in the following ways: 1) by providing prizes for the students, 2) by hosting awareness presentations in the community, 3) by placing ribbons or declarations in their offices, or distributing topical inserts in their church bulletin or business location.

"We are thankful for a community that comes together to incite safety," said Pat Brown, Executive Director. "Because of the compassionate, dedicated people 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 continues to provide free programs and services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence. For over 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@wrcnr.v.org. People can also visit the Women's Resource Center website at wrcnr.v.org.

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