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**October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Free Tours and Educational Programs Being Offered**

In recognition of *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, the staffs of Shelby County's Crime Victims Center (CVC) and Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County (FSC), co-located in midtown Memphis, want to prevent domestic violence through free programs and tours.

"We have a number of resources available at no cost. Domestic Violence continues to be one of the top crimes addressed by police officers and sheriff's deputies each day throughout Shelby County," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Domestic violence accounts for 56% of local violent crime. Last year, counselors at the Shelby County Crime Victims Center met in person with more than 800 non-intimate partner domestic violence victims of all ages. The Family Safety Center staff serves an average of 2,400 victims of intimate partner violence each year. The center is located at 1750 Madison Avenue.

"We want citizens to know the warning signs of domestic violence and immediately contact a law enforcement agency should they feel threatened," said Anna Whalley, Administrator of the Shelby County Crime Victims Center. It's one of 31 agencies that coordinate criminal, civil, social, and assistance services with the Family Safety Center, located in the same building as the crime victims center.

"This is a one-stop location for crime victims and their families," said Executive Director Olliette Murry-Drobot. **"The Family Safety Center provides victims of intimate partner domestic violence additional resources and helps ensure there's a coordinated response by all agencies,"** added Ms. Drobot.

Also during October, staff from the Shelby County Crime Victims Center and Family Safety Center can visit churches and community groups. To schedule a program or tour, call **(901) 222-4400**.

Go to www.familysafetycenter.org for a list of Family Safety Center services, including the warning signs of domestic violence.

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