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Women Talk Supports Victims of Intimate Partner Abuse

CHARLOTTE, NC – To help women experiencing intimate partner abuse in their recovery process, United Family Services offers Women Talk, a free, weekly support group. The group allows participants to share, learn and gain support in a safe and confidential environment.

Women Talk is held every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Carolinas Medical Center main campus. The group is open to women 18 years and older, and child care and parking is provided. To register, call 704.446.3999.

The support group is operated by the Domestic Violence Healthcare Project (DVHP), a program started in October 2002 as a joint project of United Family Services and Carolinas Medical Center. The effort formed to better serve women who are victims of domestic violence that come to the hospital for medical treatment.

As of January 2004, DVHP has trained more than 550 hospital staff and 343 clients have been served. Additionally, 33 committed volunteers have provided more than 7,282 hours of on-call service.

United Family Services is a nonprofit United Way member that connects individuals, families and the community with resources that promote stability, security and self-sufficiency. Programs offered by United Family Services are Consumer Credit Counseling, Housing Services, Parent Education, Employee Assistance, Counseling, Victim Assistance, Rape Crisis & Child Abuse Prevention, The Shelter for Battered Women, Domestic Violence Healthcare Project, Victim Assistance Court Services and Teen Dating Violence Prevention. For more information, call 704.332.9034 or check us out on the Internet, www.unitedfamilyservices.org.

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