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Photo Caption: (l-r) Brian Richards; Karen Parker, Director, United Family Services' Domestic Violence Programs; Derrick Chambers, Polaris, Iota Omega Chapter, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.; Harry Canty, Jr., Executive Director, Keep It Real Mentoring, Inc.

Brothers of Iota Phi Theta Partner with United Family Services

Proceeds Benefit Domestic Violence Programs

CHARLOTTE, NC – Did you know that every 15 seconds across America a woman is abused during a domestic violence dispute? Did you know that at the end of 2003, five to 10 billion dollars were spent on medical expenses involving domestic disputes in America? Did you know that in the year 2003, 49 deaths occurred as a direct result of domestic violence in North Carolina?

The Brothers of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated, and United Family Services (UFS) have partnered in the war against domestic violence in Mecklenburg County. Our goal is to collect as many cellular phones as possible. In return for these cell phones, UFS receives a donation to be used to provide voice mail accounts and other services for victims of domestic violence. The phones must be less than five years old, and no larger than 6x3 inches in size. Cell phones may be turned in at the following locations:

La Porsha's Hair Center
8025 E. WT Harris Blvd., Ste. 111
Charlotte, NC

United Family Services
601 E. 5th St., Ste. 400
Charlotte, NC

Eastway Barber Shop at Eastway Crossings
3054 Eastway Drive
Charlotte, NC

United Family Services - Huntersville location
9601 Holly Point Drive, Ste. 200
Huntersville, NC

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, Counseling & Education, Employee Assistance, Rape Crisis, Child Abuse Prevention, The Shelter for Battered Women and Victim Assistance. For more information, call 704.332.9034 or check us out on the Internet, www.unitedfamilyservices.org.

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