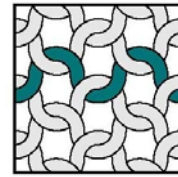




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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Media Event**

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**Charlotte Rescue Mission and United Family Services to conduct Signing Ceremony as key step to expanding services to Women in Crisis**

**What:** Charlotte Rescue Mission and United Family Services will sign contract to expand services to women in crisis

**When:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 at 2pm

**Who:** Executive Directors of both agencies – Jean Davis and Tony Marciano

**Media Availability –**

1:45 – 2pm before contracts are signed

2:00 – 2:15 Live media coverage during historical moment

**Where:** Capstone Advancement Partners -1031 S. Caldwell St, Ste 210  
Charlotte (in Bragg Financial Services across from Dowd YMCA)

(August 31, 2010) Charlotte Rescue Mission (CRM) and United Family Services (UFS) will hold an historical moment in Charlotte's effort to help domestic violence victims and homeless women with substance abuse problems on Thursday, Sept 2, 2010 at 2pm as each agency takes the next step in serving women in crisis. The ceremony will involve the sale of 5 ½ acres of an 11 acre tract of land. The sale will permit each agency to expand its services to women while co-existing on the same tract of land.

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Each agency will own one half the eleven acres of land. UFS will build a new domestic violence shelter expanding its services to provide safety and support for women and children victims of domestic violence from 29 to 80 beds. CRM will build a new long term women’s recovery program to expand its Dove’s Nest program from 12 to 90 women. With the signing of the contract, site development work can begin on both agencies’ sites.

The 11 acres of land was originally purchased by CRM in 2006 for the expansion of its women’s program. Learning of UFS need to expand, CRM offered to sell one half its acreage at cost.

The joint use of the 11 acres has created a collaborative process for both agencies. Over the past 18 months, the building committees of both agencies met regularly to plan the development of the site. Each agency brought its own unique strength to the process. This partnership has brought the project to this critical juncture.

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**About Charlotte Rescue Mission**

Charlotte Rescue Mission provides a free 90-day Christian residential program for men and women who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol and are predominately homeless.

Interview opportunities are available now by calling:

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**About United Family Services**

United Family Services provides outreach services and assistance to more than 60,000 people annually in the Charlotte, Cabarrus and Union and Mooresville/Lake

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Norman areas. These programs include Counseling and Education, Consumer Credit and Housing Counseling, Domestic Violence, Rape Crisis Intervention, Victim Assistance and the Shelter for Battered Women.

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