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**YWCA Rape Crisis Center and Community Partners
Announce 17th Annual Clothesline Project Exhibit**

BERGEN COUNTY— The YWCA Bergen County Rape Crisis Center, in partnership with the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy, Bergen Family Center, National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County Section, and Shelter Our Sisters, announces the **17th Annual Bergen County Clothesline Project** shirt exhibit on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at "The Green" across from the Bergen County Courthouse in Hackensack. A special program at 12:00 noon will feature speakers and a performance by Reflections, an improvisational theater group associated with the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Family Guidance. The rain date is Thursday, September 16.

This powerful display of artwork is designed to raise community awareness of violence against women, men and children. It features hundreds of shirts created by survivors or their significant others to bear witness to incest, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence or death as a result of violence. Creating a shirt provides a survivor with an avenue to break their silence and share their unique story.

Visitors can participate by creating their own shirts and pledging their support by taking a "Stand Against Violence" in their every day lives. For more information, call the YWCA Bergen County Rape Crisis Center at 201-881-1700 or visit www.ywcabergencounty.org.

About the YWCA Bergen County Rape Crisis Center

The YWCA Bergen County Rape Crisis Center provides a free and confidential 24-hour hotline (201-487-2227) to survivors of sexual abuse/assault, their family and friends. It is a safe and welcoming place for all survivors, and support is available to anyone who has experienced sexual abuse, assault or harassment—whether it happened hours or years ago. The Center is a program of the YWCA Bergen County and supported through grants from the NJ Department of

Community Affairs (Division on Women), NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Bergen County
Department of Human Services and the United Way.

About YWCA Bergen County

YWCA Bergen County (www.ywcabergen.org) is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We are the area's largest provider of child care services, a recognized leader in health and fitness programs, and operator of the county's only Rape Crisis Center. Celebrating nearly a century of commitment to our community, today we improve the lives of thousands of women, girls, and their families.

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