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**Newhouse Observes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Plans October 6<sup>th</sup> Kick-off Event at The Drop Bar and Bistro**

**(Kansas City, MO, October 1, 2010)** – Newhouse observes October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time for the Kansas City-area to learn about domestic violence and its impact on families and the community.

Newhouse will hold a National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick-off event at The Drop Bar and Bistro (409 East 31st St, KC MO) on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:00pm. This event is open to the public. Guests can enjoy free appetizers provided by The Drop for a \$5 minimum donation to Newhouse, as well as other happy hour specials.

During the past two decades, Missouri has made great strides in securing rights, protections and services for victims of domestic violence. Despite these advancements, each year, more than 50 percent of domestic violence incidents are never reported to the police according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition, studies show that one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, and one in five high school girls report being abused by a boyfriend.

“Last year, 15,000 Missouri women, children and men were unable to find shelter at a domestic violence program due to lack of resources according to the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence,” says Leslie Caplan, President of Newhouse.

“It is vital that we take the time to raise awareness of domestic violence and the need for additional resources to ensure help is available to all who need it. We encourage the community to join us throughout October as we educate and advocate for domestic violence awareness.”

You can help raise awareness and educate our community by inviting a Newhouse speaker to your next church, business or community meeting. Visit [www.NewhouseShelter.org](http://www.NewhouseShelter.org) to contact a speaker or for more information on upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month events.

**About Newhouse**

Founded in 1971, Newhouse provides safe shelter and critical services to women victims of domestic violence and their children. In 2009, Newhouse sheltered 943 women and children. The Newhouse mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing tools that allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives.

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