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Columbia Community Foundation, VFW Join Forces Against Domestic Violence

The Columbia Community Foundation and the VFW Post 9340 recently presented checks to Genesis House to help fund an outreach program against domestic violence in the area. Representatives from the VFW, the Community Foundation, Township Trustees, Columbia Schools and the Lorain County Sheriff's office met at the fire station to learn more about domestic violence, how to recognize it and what to do about it.

A representative from the Sheriff's office stated that last year deputies responded to more than 760 domestic violence related calls – an average of more than 2 per day.

Virginia Beckman, Executive Director of Genesis House stated that domestic violence occurs in every community. Her group operates a domestic violence shelter for victims, provides counseling, support, legal advocacy and community education.

The Columbia Community Foundation has donated \$500 to Genesis House for a Community Outreach program for Eastern Lorain County. Post 9340 of the VFW matched that contribution, then doubled it donating \$1000.

As part of the Community Outreach, Genesis House plans to have a booth at the Columbia Homecoming. Anyone needing help against domestic violence is urged to call Genesis house at 440-323-3400 or visit their website at www.geneshouseshelter.com.

The Columbia Community Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity committed to providing funding for scholarships, and good works in the community. For information on the organization, please call the Columbia Community Foundation at 440-236-8000 or visit the group's website at www.columbiacommunityfoundation.org.



(L to R) Ed Stephen of Post 9340 of the VFW, Dennis Ross Columbia Community Foundation, Virginia Beckman of Genesis House and Wayne Brassell of the Community Foundation following the presentation of checks to Genesis House recently for a community outreach program.