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Press Kit

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**Mission Statement:** Interact provides safety, support and awareness to victims and survivors of the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Program Offerings:** Interact provides: individual and group crisis counseling, court and hospital advocacy, residential shelter, professional training, youth education and public awareness programs. Services are available at no charge to women, men and children. Specialized services are available for children, Spanish speakers, immigrant/refugee/asylee populations, and to all clients with special needs.

**Client Contact Information:** Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (919) 828-7740  
Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Line: (919) 828-3005

**Main Office:** 612 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

**Organization and History:** Interact serves thousands of people each year including over 6,000 direct victims of crime and their families, 10,000 participants in training and awareness events, approximately 6,000 elementary/middle school/high school students, and over 70 media requests. Interact is organized into three primary service areas: Direct Services, Residential Shelter, and Community Education and Outreach. The work of Interact is made possible through the dedication of more than 150 volunteers and 26 staff people.

Formed in 1984, the agency was created by the merger of three organizations dedicated to victims of domestic violence, victims of rape, and to the prevention of child abuse. As a consolidated agency, Interact is able to reach more people, at less expense to the community. The agency is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is funded by the generous support of the Triangle United Way, businesses, foundations, civic and faith communities, dedicated individuals and local, state and national grants.

## **Resources Available to Media:**

**Spokespeople:** Including comments on current events; the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on the community, businesses, crime victims, children and special populations; current legislation; myths and stereo-types; safety tips; patterns of behavior; community responses; available resources; related topics such as stalking, protective orders, long-term behavioral effects; and a general awareness of trends, statistics and profiles.

**Materials:** Including fact sheets, brochures, academic analysis and studies, videos, books, and documentaries.

**Professional Training:** Including appropriate community responses, ethical dilemmas facing media; simple steps that can be taken to avoid re-victimization in media coverage, greater understanding of the dynamics of power and control, the cycle of violence, and populations effected by violence.

**Other Resources are available upon request. Feel free to contact us regarding your needs.**