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### **HelpLine Seeks Community Input, Support for Advocacy Alliance**

Delaware, OH – HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. (HelpLine) will host an Advocacy Alliance, a community-based, volunteer committee to further social action change in Morrow and Delaware counties, on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the community services room at 950 Meadow Drive in Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

The Advocacy Alliance works “to empower local citizens with the tools to ensure the accessibility of underserved and rural populations to information pertinent to sexual violence prevention and anti-oppression work.”

“Concerned citizens are the strength of a community and have been the catalysts to every major grassroots movement in American society,” said Julianna Nemeth, Prevention Director of HelpLine.

“Together, we hope to build a local movement where the community can respond with definitive action surrounding the issues of rape, child abuse, suicide and mental health.”

HelpLine Prevention Educator Corina Klies said that the Advocacy Alliance will proactively advocate for social justice and change which promote mental health, consumer and victims’ rights, and healing.

“We are building voices that will speak out for those who have been marginalized, denied access and resources,” said Klies.

If you are interested in this grassroots advocacy work, please contact Corina Klies, HelpLine Prevention Educator, at 419.946.1350 or visit us online at [www.helplinedelmor.org](http://www.helplinedelmor.org)

#### **About HelpLine**

HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that provides a 24-hour crisis support hotline, information and referral to direct services and advocacy, prevention education, and serves as the area’s only volunteer center. HelpLine facilitates the stability and self-sufficiency of the emotional and financial needs of the Delaware and Morrow County communities. HelpLine is a provider agency of the Delaware Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board and a member of the United Ways of Delaware & Morrow Counties. Certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, HelpLine is partially funded by the Council of Older Adults, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Ohio Department of Development, Office of Criminal Justice Services and Ohio Department of Health. HelpLine is accredited by Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) and National Association of Suicidology. For more information, please visit: [www.HelpLinedelmor.org](http://www.HelpLinedelmor.org).

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