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Re: Gay Crisis-line for Contra Costa and Solano Counties

(THE FOLLOWING IS A <u>NEWS RELEASE</u> WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO PRINT IN YOUR NEWS PAPER).

<u>Diablo Valley Community Center</u> has completed their first training program for volenteers on the <u>Gay Crisis-line</u>. This is the fruition of a dream come true. The need for a Gay Crisis-line in this area has been recognized for a long time. Through the combined efforts of dedicated volenteers as well as the support of the Solano County Stress-line and several agencies in Central Contra Costa, the planning, research and training began.

The training included over 30 hours of intense study on such areas as: abuse(physical, emotional, child, drug and alcohol), relationships, depression, death and dying, A.I.D.S., suicide and especially techniques in developing good listening skills. While this training is completed there will be another class beginning this spring. Anyone interested in future training or helping in some other areas are encouraged to write Diablo Valley Community Center.

The line will be open on a limited basis, until we are able to receive additional funding and volenteers. We hope that while our hours of availability may be short, that all those who need our support, information and or referral information will take the time to call.

Starting date has been established as December 2nd, each Friday, Saturday and Sunday the line will be open from 7-10PM. CALL: 674-0171, GAY CRISIS-LINE

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