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NEW HOPE, INC. CEO ISSUES STATEMENT ON ALLEGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE MURDER IN CHARLTON, MA ON JANUARY 3, 2021

Charlton, MA – Sadly, the New Year is only a few days old, and domestic violence has claimed two lives. In response to yesterday’s alleged domestic violence homicide/suicide in Charlton, the non-profit domestic violence agency, New Hope, Inc.’s CEO, Marcia Szymanski, offers condolences to the family of the victim and family the alleged murderer. Ms. Szymanski wants the family members and the community to know that we can provide services and support to those most impacted by this tragedy.

New Hope, Inc. provides domestic violence services to 41 communities, including Charlton. New Hope has an office in Southbridge for those in need of counseling and an advocate who works directly within the Dudley Court to assist survivors of domestic violence with safety planning, obtaining restraining orders, and other legal protections to ensure their safety.

New Hope Executive Director and President, Marcia Szymanski, stated, “*We want to inform the public that New Hope has a 24-hour, toll-free hotline available to survivors and witnesses to violence, as well as to concerned family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may need support. Our hotline is 1-800-323-HOPE (4673), and we encourage anyone who may be in need of our services to call and get help.*”

New Hope, Inc.’s services include the 24-hour hotline (1-800-323-HOPE), two emergency shelters for survivors fleeing violent homes, counseling services for adults and children, a supervised visitation center, police and court-based legal advocacy to help survivors obtain restraining orders, safety planning, an intimate partner abuse education program, education/outreach services and more. The agency serves 41 cities and towns throughout Central and Southeastern Massachusetts, and has five (5) offices located in Attleboro, Milford, Southbridge, Taunton and Worcester.

New Hope, Inc. is a registered 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, whose mission is “***Creating Communities Free From Violence and Exploitation.***” For more information, visit www.new-hope.org.

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About New Hope

New Hope, Inc., founded in 1979, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization providing 54 cities / towns in Massachusetts with “full-spectrum care” to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Our mission is to break the cycle of violence by “ending domestic and sexual violence in our communities.” New Hope’s spectrum of care includes: Prevention Education; Crisis Intervention; Shelter; Counseling; Transitional Living; Family Reunification and Batterer Intervention. Our programs seek to illuminate a path to violence-free self-sufficiency for each of our clients, regardless of race, age, income level, gender or orientations.

**HOTLINE (TTY/V)
1-800-323-HOPE**

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