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Alternative House Partners with Greater Lowell Technical High School to Promote Healthy Relationships During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Lowell, MA – February 10, 2025 – Alternative House is proud to announce its new partnership with Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS). This collaboration aims to provide students with education and resources to foster healthy, equal relationships and prevent dating violence.

The announcement comes at a crucial time, as February marks **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM)**. Alternative House is excited to be on-site at GLTHS throughout the month, engaging students in discussions, workshops, and activities that raise awareness about the warning signs of abuse and the importance of respectful relationships.

Teen dating violence is a widespread issue, affecting youth across all backgrounds. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- **1 in 3** U.S. teens experience physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner before adulthood.
- **1 in 12** high school students experience physical dating violence annually.
- **Nearly half** of teens in abusive relationships never tell anyone about the abuse.

Through this partnership, Alternative House will work closely with GLTHS to equip students with the knowledge and tools to recognize unhealthy behaviors, seek support, and build healthy relationships. The program will include workshops on consent, boundaries, red flags of abuse, and how to support friends who may be experiencing dating violence.

"We are thrilled to partner with Greater Lowell Technical High School to continue these critical conversations with young people," said Maria Crooker-Capone; Executive Director of Alternative House. *"By educating students about healthy relationships early, we can empower them to make safe choices and prevent future cycles of abuse."*

GLTHS leadership echoes the importance of this partnership in fostering student well-being. *"At Greater Lowell Technical High School, we are committed to supporting our students' academic and personal growth. This partnership with Alternative House allows us to provide critical education on healthy relationships and empower our students to build safe, respectful connections,"* said Superintendent-Director Jill Davis. *"We appreciate the expertise and resources Alternative House brings to our school community."*

Alternative House remains committed to supporting survivors of domestic violence at all ages and stages of life. If you or someone you know is experiencing dating violence, confidential help is available. Contact Alternative House at 1-888-291-6228 or visit www.alternative-house.org for resources.

About Alternative House

Alternative House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services and support for survivors of domestic violence. Through emergency shelter, advocacy, education, and prevention programs, Alternative House works to create safer communities free from abuse.