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24-Hour Crisis & Support Lines

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Vera House Recipient of Donation from the Central New York Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America

Unique Sampler Raffle Results in a \$1,060 donation to Vera House

SYRACUSE, NY – The Central New York Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America has collected \$1,060 in a raffle to benefit Vera House, a not-for-profit that works to end domestic and sexual violence in Central New York. The item raffled was the exquisite, intricately embroidered "Fleur-de-Lis Millennium Sampler", which was on display at the Baldwinsville Public Library.

Ten members of the CNY Embroiderers' Guild of American Chapter volunteered to create the piece, each choosing the section they wished to stitch. This sampler represents hundreds of hours of dedicated work. The needle artists consider their work to be time well spent, and are proud to be able to assist Vera House.

The embroiderers who created this piece include: Eleanor Bajohr of Canastota, Judy Cain of Cortland, Cynthia Gamage of Syracuse, Janet Johnston of Baldwinsville, Susan Kaplan of Liverpool, Joan Murphy of Liverpool, Imelda Nichter of Rome, Julie Rimel of Manlius, Jill Sarkodie-Mensah of Syracuse and Pat Warner-Sorci of Dewitt. Karl's Custom Framing of Canastota graciously donated the professional framing of this sampler.

In the accompanying photo, Mary Anne Benkoski of the CNY Embroiderers' Guild of America (pictured right) and Chris Benton, Vera House Director of Communications and Special Events, pose with the beautiful sampler. "The generous spirit of the CNY Chapter of the

Embroiderers' Guild of America is truly appreciated by all of us at Vera House. We certainly are grateful for thoughtful support," reported Chris Benton.

Vera House works to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community through various programs and services. The agency provides a 24-hour crisis, support and information line, and emergency shelter to ensure that women and children are safe from violence. Actively engaged in education and training in the community, Vera House offers counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as youth education programs. For more information about Vera House, please visit our web site at www.verahouse.org.

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