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**CHATHAM TOWNSHIP TO HOST COMMUNITY-BASED
PRESENTATION ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*Partners with the Jersey Battered Women's Service
to Promote National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, NJ – October 10, 2016 – [The Chatham Township Committee](#) today announced that in conjunction with [National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) and in partnership with the [Jersey Battered Women's Service](#) (JBWS) it would host a community-based presentation on the prevention of domestic violence. The presentation, "Creating a Responsive Community: What You Can Do to Prevent Domestic Violence," will be presented by Regina Braham, Director of Community Relations for JBWS, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Chatham Township Municipal Building located at 58 Meyersville Road.

[Mayor Curt Ritter](#), speaking on behalf of the Committee, said, "Each year in New Jersey there are approximately 65,000 reported cases of domestic violence, including more than 2,000 in Morris County alone. Domestic abuse affects people of all socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Studies show that children from homes where domestic violence occurs suffer physical abuse or neglect at a much higher rate than the national average. This community presentation is designed to shine a light on this important issue as we look to increase awareness of domestic violence in our communities. I encourage all residents to join us for this important discussion."

Braham commented, "To prevent domestic violence, we need to create a community-wide culture that does not tolerate family or partner violence. Over the years, Chatham Township has taken several initiatives to prevent domestic violence including the establishment of a Crisis Response Team through the local police

department and the inclusion of JBWS' *No2DatingAbuse* programs in Chatham High School. I look forward to discussing these programs, plus what more can be done."

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About Regina Braham

Regina Braham oversees all public awareness professional training and youth prevention programs for Jersey Battered Women's Service in Morris County, NJ. Braham, with Brushfire marketing firm, launched several successful media campaigns including the latest *Yellow Card Campaign*, a leadership program for athletes. In 1986, Braham co-designed a nationally recognized dating violence program for teenagers and she co-authored "*Coordinating a Community Response to Teen Dating Violence*," published in *Dating Violence*, by Barrie Levy (1991). She has a Masters of Social Work degree and first joined the staff of JBWS in 1982 as a counselor in the safe house.

About Jersey Battered Women's Service

Founded in 1976, the Jersey Battered Women's Service is a private non-profit, tax-exempt Morris County organization dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence through the empowerment of the victim, the rehabilitation of family members and the education of the public about domestic violence and its consequences. For more information, visit www.jbws.org. For help, call the 24-hour helpline 1-877-R-U-ABUSED.

About Chatham Township

Chatham Township is located in Morris County New Jersey. It has approximately 11,000 residents and nearly 4,000 households. Individuals interested in receiving emergency and community alerts can visit www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/resident-communications.html and can learn more about Chatham Township at www.chathamtownship-nj.gov

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