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John's Island Foundation presents \$35,000 grant to SafeSpace

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When a nonprofit organization receives a charitable donation, lives are changed and even saved in the process. SafeSpace, the only certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast, was recently honored as the recipient of a \$35,000 grant from the John's Island Foundation. These funds have been allocated toward the purchase of a much needed vehicle to meet the transportation needs of the Supportive Living and Outreach programs in Indian River County. The John's Island Foundation raises funds from residents of the John's Island Community in Vero Beach and provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations serving the economically disadvantaged in Indian River County. Since its launch in 1999, the Foundation has contributed more than \$9.9 million to 83 local nonprofit agencies whose programs are targeted toward basic needs such as food, shelter, assistance with disabilities and health issues, safety from abuse, and children's education. "We are incredibly fortunate to have community partners like the John's Island Foundation who support the mission of SafeSpace," said SafeSpace CEO Jill Borowicz. "Through their generosity in supporting our programs and the individuals we serve, we can continue to save and change lives on the Treasure Coast." SafeSpace operates programs in Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties, where families are provided a safe environment through emergency shelter and outreach services. The supportive living/transitional housing program is also in place to provide longer-term housing for survivors of domestic violence. The organization offers safety, support, counseling, and education and provides the assistance necessary to empower survivors to move forward and gain control over their own lives. In the past year, SafeSpace has served more than 3,000 victims and their children and provided more than 15,000 safe nights of shelter. About SafeSpace SafeSpace is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates programs in Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties where families can escape to a safe environment. SafeSpace offers victims of domestic violence safety, support and education, empowering them to create an independent life free from violence. Emergency shelter, supportive living, and outreach programs and services are available for victims throughout the Treasure Coast. SafeSpace offers services to all victims



Tracy Levy, SafeSpace director of Development; Jennifer Jones, John's Island Foundation executive director; and Tom Manwarring, SafeSpace Development associate in front of the new vehicle for SafeSpace's Supportive Living and outreach programs in Indian River County, thanks to a grant from the John's Island Foundation.

of domestic violence and their dependents regardless of race, gender, age, religion, political belief, national origin, immigration status, physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation or language spoken. To learn more about SafeSpace, please visit www.safespacefl.org, call 772-223-2399 or connect with SafeSpace on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/safespacefl. About John's Island Foundation The John's Island Foundation was established in 1999. Its mission is to raise funds from the John's Island community for the purpose of making grants to fund capital requirements to agencies serving the economically disadvantaged in Indian River County. The Foundation seeks to

make grants to agencies whose programs are primarily directed toward supporting basic human needs such as food, shelter, assistance with disabilities/health issues, safety from abuse and children's education. To learn more about the John's Island Foundation please visit www.johnsislandfoundation.org.