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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Shreveport gets new domestic violence service provider

The Taylor House/Project Celebration has been awarded a grant to assume critical services for individuals who are victims of domestic violence in Shreveport and the surrounding area.

Beginning July 1, the Many-based agency will expand to Shreveport and replace the Providence House, according to an announcement today from the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services.

“This represents a positive transition from the Providence House and I appreciate how our community united to work with the state and others to make sure our area would not go even one night without these critical services being made available to victims of domestic violence,” Mayor Cedric Glover said. “But we still have some serious issues that must be addressed before we can truly feel like we’ve achieved the degree of stability needed to make a seamless transition.”

Mayor Glover led a group of local leaders determined to quickly identify a potential successor to Providence House. He consistently directed strategy sessions and follow-up meetings to make sure the issue remained a priority.

“We have worked closely with the Shreveport Mayor’s Office and community stakeholders to ensure a continuity of services in the Shreveport area following Providence House’s announcement that it would not provide domestic violence services after June 30,” said DCFS Secretary Suzy Sonnier.

Project Celebration will operate an emergency shelter in Shreveport in addition to providing non-residential services and outreach, such as intervention and education in Caddo Parish and the surrounding area, which includes Bossier, Webster, Natchitoches and Red River parishes.

“I congratulate Project Celebration on receiving this grant as we continue to address the devastating effects of violence and pervasive abuse that have already claimed too many lives in our community,” Mayor Glover said.

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