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Ethan House/Family Services Partnership Enhances Services for Troubled Youth

Ethan House, a group home for troubled boys with two locations in the Green Bay area, will join Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, strengthening the services available to children and families throughout the region.

(Green Bay, Wis.) – Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, a nonprofit human services agency headquartered in downtown Green Bay, and Ethan House, which operates two group homes for troubled boys in the Green Bay area, have announced a formal affiliation, effective January 1, 2012.

Under the agreement, Ethan House will operate as a subsidiary of Family Services, adding its services to the agency’s continuum of care for youth and families in need throughout Northeast Wisconsin. Ethan House will continue its operation with no disruption in services and minimal change in staff or organizational structure.

“The collaboration between our two agencies will allow us to streamline operations,” says Bob Joswick, recent Board Chair for Ethan House. “We can utilize our resources more effectively and improve efficiencies in the services available to at-risk kids in our area.”

Family Services currently serves more than 25,000 children and families each year with programs ranging from early childhood development and at-risk youth intervention to counseling, treatment and self-sufficiency programs.

Ethan House was founded in 1972 to provide a temporary living arrangement for boys, ages 10-17, who are court-ordered into placement or referred from the county or state due to behavioral, emotional or legal issues. Staff provide structure, supervision and guidance to help youth overcome their troubled past, with an ultimate goal of family and community reintegration.

Ethan House serves approximately 25 kids each year, providing assistance with social skills development, problem-solving, anger management, and independent living skills, referring to other local agencies for more intensive treatment and therapy as needed.

“We see the affiliation as a way to enhance the delivery of services to kids and families in Northeast Wisconsin,” says Jeff Vande Leest, Executive Vice President of Family Services and the new President of Ethan House. “Ethan House fills a gap in Family Services’ continuum of care, strengthening the services available to help troubled youth get back on track.”

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About Family Services: Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin is a non-profit, human services agency that protects, heals, and cares for the children and families of Northeast Wisconsin. The agency offers more than 30 programs that support the people of our communities during challenges and transitions in their lives. In 2011, more than 25,000 local children and families received assistance from Family Services.

About Ethan House: Ethan House I and Ethan House II are licensed by the State of Wisconsin to provide an alternative living arrangement to boys, ages 10-17, who are court-ordered into placement and referred from county and state social workers. The program provides individualized services based on each boys’ needs, helping them with the development of social skills, problem-solving, anger management and independent living skills, with an ultimate goal of reintegration into their family and community.

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