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Island Training donates staff time and financial resources to the Durham Crisis Response Center

Durham, N.C. - Island Training Solutions, Inc., one of Triangle Area's up and coming woman-owned businesses, is joining the fight to end violence against women and families. The Durham, N.C. based company provides hands-on training for IBM® Rational® software tools around the world with clients including Fortune 500 companies. Over the next twelve months Island Training staff members will be given paid time off to volunteer one day each quarter at Durham Crisis Response Center's headquarters, emergency shelter or Pennies for Change thrift store. Island Training will also make a significant annual contribution of unrestricted funds to Durham Crisis Response Center.

For Daphne Brashear, who co-founded Island Training with her partner Jim Herron, the decision to support Durham Crisis Response Center was just the right thing to do. "Family is certainly an important value of our company. We were looking for a way to give back to the community and helping women and children in crisis seemed like a great way to make a difference."

The funds donated by Island Training Solutions will help to replace grant funds that have diminished in recent years. In the past, 85% of Durham Crisis Response Center's operating budget was funded by grants. Today the agency's grant dependency has been lowered to approximately 74% of its operating budget. The involvement of local businesses like Island Training will help the agency to not only replace grant funds but to support new programs and community outreach.

About Durham Crisis Response Center

For more than twenty years, the Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC) has been the sole provider of comprehensive shelter and support services in the Durham area, providing counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and shelter to survivors and their families in the aftermath of domestic or sexual violence. In addition, DCRC offers youth prevention workshops and training to schools, the general public and professionals throughout the Triangle. Over the years, DCRC helped more than 20,000 women and children. Last year alone, 170 women and children found safety at the Durham Crisis Response Center shelter, and another 1100 learned they have an ally who can help them stop the violence. If you or someone you know has been assaulted, contact the 24-hour crisis line at 919-403-6562. Find us on the Web at www.durhamresponse.org.

About Island Training

Island Training Solutions provides hands-on training for IBM® Rational® software tools. Co-founded in 1999 by a member of the original ClearCase® development team and a technical training professional, Island Training offers a unique approach to teaching complex software products. By combining a modular training strategy with proprietary tools that support on-demand production of course materials and mobile lab setup, Island Training delivers a flexible

training strategy that meets the specific needs of each client. More information about Island Training is available at <http://www.islandtraining.com>.

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