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Local fair trade store raising funds for domestic violence victims

Newport News, VA – On Sunday, September 10th, from noon to 7 PM, Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade retailer located at 11820 Merchants Walk in City Center at Oyster Point, will partner with Transitions Family Violence Services to raise awareness and funds for adult and child victims of family violence.

During the event, Ten Thousand Villages will donate 20% of sales to Transitions.

Store Manager Rob Boeving said, “We are excited to partner with Transitions for this unique event. Transitions connects well with our mission because we also frequently work to improve the lives of children. Ten Thousand Villages offers fairly traded home décor and gift items handcrafted by skilled artisans around the world, often times providing education and medical assistance to children.”

[Transitions Family Violence Services](http://www.transitionsfvs.org) is the largest domestic violence agency in Virginia, providing comprehensive family violence services to adult and child victims in Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and York County. Since 1977, [Transitions](http://www.transitionsfvs.org) has provided “*a pathway to safety . . . a source of hope*” to tens of thousands of women, children and men on the Virginia Peninsula. The agency offers comprehensive and intervention programs to help families with essential needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy, childcare and children’s services. To date, Transitions has sheltered more than 15,000 victims of abuse for 150,000 nights and has provided outreach support to many thousands more.

Ten Thousand Villages in Newport News is one of more than 100 stores across North America. Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization based in Akron, PA, and a leader in the fair trade movement, has provided fair prices, working capital and a market for artisans around the world for 60 years.

For more information about the Transitions Shopping Benefit, please contact Rob Boeving, Store Manager, at (757) 596-2260 or visit www.newportnews.tenthousandvillages.com. Ten Thousand Villages is open Monday through Saturday, 10 AM – 9 PM, and Sunday noon – 6 PM. For this event, the store will remain open until 7 PM.

