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Suicide Survivor Support Group Opening Soon in Beverly

Family Service, Inc., which operates the Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, is pleased to announce that it is expanding its Safe Place suicide survivor support group to Beverly, MA. Safe Place is a confidential, free, and secular support group for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide. It is a safe place to talk, listen, be silent, grieve, be accepted, be understood, and offer acceptance, understanding, and hope to someone else in need. Groups are facilitated by a trained peer survivor.

The Samaritans has been facilitating Safe Place groups in North Andover and Lowell for several years. After hearing from many community members about the lack of suicide survivor resources in the North Shore and Cape Ann areas, the Samaritans chose to expand this service to Beverly.

The first Safe Place group will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale Street in Beverly. Ongoing group meetings will be held the first and third Thursdays of each month after that date. Anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide is welcome.

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