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Marriage Matters Jackson Announces Upcoming Workshops

Sessions Available for Singles, Engaged & Married Couples & Step Families

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Jackson, Michigan, July 1, 2008- Marriage Matters Jackson is offering several workshops in July & August –fun, interactive and filled with ideas to help life (and love) run smoother.

Smart Steps for Step Families:

A class for couples and the kids – Build a stronger marriage, navigate conflicts and give family members skills to help create a peaceful home. Children sessions are with and without parents. Families learn from one another in a light-hearted, helpful way.

Date/Time: Tuesdays July 22, 29, & Aug. 5, 12 – 5:00-8:30p.m. (dinner included)

Location: The United Way Center, 536 N. Jackson St (south of County Fairground)

Pick A Partner – How to Avoid Dating or Marrying a Jerk (or Jerkette):

For singles at any age or stage (i.e. looking, seriously dating, rebounding, divorced) – Learn what you are doing right, or doing wrong, in attracting and keeping the perfect mate.

Date/Time: Thursdays August 7, 14, 21, & 28 – 5:30-8:00p.m. (dinner & coffee included)

Location: Jackson Coffee Company, downtown, 201 S. Mechanic St.

All About Us.....Using the PREP Curriculum:

For couples at every stage in their relationship (dating, engaged, married) – Here's the perfect chance to learn how to fix the tough stuff, without fighting. How to get everyone on the same page. Never again hear, "you just don't understand."

Date/Time: Mondays July 14, 21, 28, & Aug. 4, 11 – 6:00-8:00p.m.

Location: Lincoln School, 154 W. Clark St.

"We know summer is a busy time of year, but it's also the perfect time to reinvest in your relationship, specifically marriage and parenting," said Shelby Raines, Coordinator of Marriage Matters Jackson. "We are providing the greater Jackson community fun workshops, which provide skills to improve their single, family, and/or married life."

Marriage Matters Jackson is housed at the United Way Center and supported through funding from the Weatherwax Foundation and the Michigan Healthy Marriage Initiative. The vision of Marriage Matters Jackson is to prepare, promote and preserve healthy marriages. It seeks to strengthen marriage, and decrease divorce, by communicating the importance of marriage, connecting people to resources, and collaborating with community leaders and organizations.

For details on marriage resources: MarriageMattersJackson.com or call (517) 796-5116