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Strong Families are at the Center of Strong Communities
National Family Week Set for Nov. 18-24, 2012

Petersburg, VA – During Thanksgiving week, the citizens of Petersburg City will join thousands of people and organizations across the United States to celebrate National Family Week Nov. 18-24. See tips below how you can do this in your community.

National Family Week embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks, and services. These “connections,” celebrated during National Family Week, include access to reliable transportation, employment opportunities, education, child care, housing, health care, and support from community networks and institutions.

“Ordinary families are extraordinarily important to our communities and our country,” says Katrina, your local Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent. “When America’s diverse families and children are healthy, our nation prospers. That’s why we hope everyone will take time during National Family Week to honor the connections that support and strengthen families year round. Let’s recognize the value of families.”

The Alliance for Children and Families, a national, nonprofit membership association representing child- and family-serving organizations in the United States and Canada, has directed National Family Week efforts more than for 40 years.

Ideas for celebrating National Family Week:

- Celebrate the connections you have with your family and community
- Organize a community forum
- Meet and get to know your neighbors
- Volunteer with a nonprofit organization on projects that benefit your community

Additional information about National Family Week on a national level is available at alliance1.org/national-family-week.

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