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ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN FOUND VALENTINE IN LOCAL STRAY

Abilene, Texas – Alliance for Women & Children A-Teens have found a sweetheart in their new friend, Allie, the Alliance cat. Ever since Allie came to Alliance she has been traveling to local middle schools to meet with the A-Teens girls. The program for teen girls is focused on molding confident and successful young women. When Allie comes to visit the girls are encouraged to display a positive attitude and care for others. The Leadership Council for A-Teens, *Leading Out*, has nicknamed themselves the “Allie-Cats” in honor of their new friend and pet.

“The girls love when Allie visits”, says Fawn Grissett, Program Manager of A-Teens, “she is like a sweet treat that brings affirmation to our program. Allie has a way of teaching the girls about affection, trust and confidence.”

Allie first came to Alliance for Women & Children in July 2007 as a “cat burglar”. When the police arrived to check out an alarm malfunction one morning, entered a small gray and white kitten that decided she did not want to leave. The staff decided to give the curious kitten a new home, and name her Allie after Alliance. Since then she has been stealing hearts and making trouble throughout all facets of the organization.

“Allie brings much joy to Alliance for Women & Children and our clients. Amongst the staff her uplifting presence has a way of weaving all of our energies together,” says Kristina Jones, Executive Director of Alliance for Women.

Allie represents Alliance for Women & Children by providing inspiration to all she meets. She

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can be seen greeting visitors, roaming the halls, helping the staff, and venturing off to visit the A-Teen girls. Allie plays a significant role in sharing the mission of Alliance for Women & Children.

For more information on Allie the Alliance cat or A-Teens for teen girls contact Alliance for Women & Children at (325)-677-5321.

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Alliance for Women & Children is dedicated to empowering women and families with tools to dream through programs such as After-School Care, A-Teens for teen girls, Economic Empowerment and Women's Health Awareness to promote well being, self-sufficiency, and future success. Located at 1350 N. 10th, the Alliance has been serving the Abilene community since 1920.