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VIGIL TO REMEMBER THE 20 CHILDREN WHO DIED FROM CHILD ABUSE

The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center will hold a vigil on Oct. 20 at noon to remember the 20 children listed by the N.C. Child Fatality and Prevention Team as homicide victims by a parent or caregiver. The vigil will be held at Sails on the Square in downtown Hickory.

The vigil is held annually in October in remembrance of the children who died as a result of abuse and neglect. A bell rings as each child's name, age and cause of death is read aloud. Simultaneous with the ringing of the bell, a T-Shirt holding the child's name and age will be displayed for everyone to see. This year 20 T-shirts will be displayed. The art work on each shirt is created by students in the Art Club at Hickory High under the guidance of Michelle Fairchild, art teacher. Denise Filip will be singing, Pastor Rosa Erickson with Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Newton will pray, and Jennifer McCracken, chair of the Catawba County Child Fatality Prevention Team will speak.

The vigil also serves as a reminder to each of us that we have a responsibility to protect children. Please join us as we remember the innocent children who suffered a senseless death in North Carolina during 2014. The vigil will last approximately 45 minutes. For more information, contact the CAPC at 828 465-9296.

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