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VIGIL TO REMEMBER THE 23 CHILDREN WHO DIED FROM CHILD ABUSE

The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center will hold a vigil on October 21st at noon to remember the 23 children listed by the NC 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 23 T-shirts will be displayed. The art work on each shirt is created by students in the Art Club at Hickory High. Once the vigil is over the T-shirts will be displayed at the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center in Conover through the month of October.

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 2013. As a reminder – the location of the vigil is at Sails on the Square, Tuesday, October 21 at noon and will last approximately 45 minutes. For more information, contact the CAPC at 828 465-9296.

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