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CAPC TO HOST CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EVENT AT ZAHRA BAKER PARK APRIL 1

HICKORY -- Bud Lavery, president of Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina, will speak at noon April 1 at a public event sponsored by the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County. This event is held each April in honor of National Prevent Child Abuse Month at the Zahra Baker All Children's Playground at Kiwanis Park.

The park is located at 805 Sixth St. SE, Hickory. Blue and silver pinwheels, the national symbol of child abuse prevention, will be placed in the park immediately before the event.

The CAPC will be selling the pinwheels through Friday, March 27 for \$2 each. Proceeds of the pinwheel sale support the CAPC's child abuse prevention programs. To purchase your pinwheels, go to catawbacountyncapc.org and pay through PayPal. You are encouraged to pick up your pinwheels immediately after the ceremony April 1 and place them at your home, business, or other locations throughout the community.

"Our goal is to sell 2,500 pinwheels before the April 1 event, making this one of the largest Pinwheels for Prevention displays in the state," said Nancy Hughes, director of the CAPC.

The CAPC advocates for the protection of the children of Catawba County by working to empower individuals through training and education, coordinate a comprehensive team response to abuse and neglect, and reduce victim trauma. For additional information about how you can learn to prevent and respond to suspected child abuse, go to the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County at

<http://www.catawbacountyncapc.org> or call 828-465-9296.

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Volunteers place pinwheels at Zahra Baker All Children's Playground.