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THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY & PROTECTION CENTER WILL HOLD THE FIRST HANCOCK-SETTLEMYRE CHILDREN'S BREAKFAST

HICKORY-- The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center (CAPC) will hold the first Hancock-Settlemyre Children's Breakfast by combining the two events. The focus of the breakfast is to promote effective prevention initiatives for child abuse and neglect. The award recognizes an individual, group or business that has worked to enhance the quality of life in Catawba County by reducing the likelihood of child maltreatment or alleviating family stress. "Combining the two events just made good sense", says Deborah Johnson, CAPC Executive Director.

This year's nominees for the Hancock-Settlemyre Award are:

- District Attorney James C. Gaither, Jr.; Michael Van Buren, Prosecutor; Thea Helderman, Victim Witness Legal Assistant; and Steve Wright, Investigator for their work in holding offenders accountable. During the past twelve months, over 22 defendants were prosecuted for the sexual abuse of children.
- Family and Children Support Team of Catawba County Social Services- Supervisor Tammy Fickling and staff- Jeff Gilson, Deanna Singleton, Shannon Roberts, Shauna Heavner, and Micki Robinson.
- Amy Herman who has dedicated many years working on preventing child abuse and neglect as a DSS employee. She is "...highly respected by all of her colleagues...and is always looking into the best interests of the children in the families her workers serve."
- Linda Robinette who has worked with Catawba County Social Services for 25 years. Working with Dr. Millie Hancock and Jean Settlemyre, Linda was instrumental in starting the "Task Force for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect."
- Liza Shaw of Marriage & Family Therapy Services. Liza has offered free public speaking events and wellness seminars to members of our community for many years. She is an



instructor for “Parenting with Love and Logic” and is dedicated to eradicating child maltreatment.

- Barbara Williams & Cathi Dillon have a combined 50 plus years serving as community volunteers dedicated to the work of protecting children. Cathi & Barbara have spent countless hours of hands on involvement with many prevention efforts and fundraising to support various programs dedicated towards keeping children safe in our community.

This year’s breakfast will focus on the economic impact of child abuse and neglect. Adam Zolotor, MD, MPH, DrPH will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Zolotor is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at UNC’s School of Medicine and Vice President of North Carolina’s Institute of Medicine. Dr. Zolotor is an expert in prevention of child abuse and is the lead researcher for the 5 year statewide initiative to prevent traumatic brain injury among infants using the Period of PURPLE Crying.

The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza on April 10, 2013 from 8:00-9:30 am. Reserve a seat by calling 828 465-9296.