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**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR HANCOCK-SETTLEMYRE AWARD**

HICKORY -- The Children's Advocacy and Protection Center is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Hancock-Settlemyre Award.

This award honors the individual, community, group or business whose efforts have reduced family stress and improved the quality of family life, thereby reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect in Catawba County. The recipient(s) will be honored at the 2012 Hancock-Settlemyre Award Dinner at Market on Main April 26.

The nomination deadline is April 5. Anyone may make a nomination by going to the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center's website, [www.catawbacountyncac.org](http://www.catawbacountyncac.org) and downloading a nomination form.

This award was established in 1980 in honor of Dr. Millie Hancock Schumpert, former Hickory physician, and Jean Settlemyre Tashman, former administrator of Frye Regional Medical Center, who were among the founders of the Children's Protection Center.

Completed nomination forms should be returned to [aopdyke@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:aopdyke@catawbacountync.gov). You may also fax your nomination form to 828-464-7457 or mail it to CAPC, 1007 First Avenue South, Conover, NC 28613.

The mission of the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County is to assure a comprehensive, culturally competent, multi-disciplinary team response to child victims of alleged sexual and severe physical abuse in a comforting and caring manner necessary to reduce further trauma to the child victim and non-offending family members.

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