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Children's Advocacy Center Celebrates Two New Gardens at Annual Board Meeting

The Children's Advocacy Center of Catawba County celebrated the dedication of its new Healing and Survivor's Gardens at its annual board meeting and donor appreciation luncheon on June 6th.

The Survivor's Garden, created by Eagle Scout, Matt Morrison, extends the existing playground to provide additional play area for children visiting the Children's Advocacy Center. The garden also enables each child to plant a flower and leave his or her mark on the center.

The Healing Garden, a service project of the Foothills Carolina Club, features several benches and will soon display a sculpture. The garden also includes paths lined with engraved bricks purchased by members of the community in honor of their families and friends. By the day of the dedication ceremony, seventy bricks had been purchased by sponsors, with new orders being taken every day.

When asked why they decided to focus their service project on the CAC, Eric Sipes of the Foothills Carolina Club said that they were inspired by "the important, significant work the Council does in the community, and to honor that work."

The Children's Advocacy Center, located in Conover, strives to assist abused children and prevent further abuse in the community. In the past year alone, 236 children were interviewed regarding allegations of sexual abuse and 375 adults were trained in abuse prevention strategies, making a huge impact in the lives of the children of Catawba County.

"It's wonderful. I'm so impressed with the staff and volunteers—it's such a worthwhile cause," said Benny Yount, one of the many financial supporters of the CAC in 2007. "More people need to be aware of it; it's something the community should be proud of."

To learn more about the Children's Advocacy Center or to donate a brick in honor of your family, contact Deborah Johnson at (828)465-9296.

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Attachments:

Scout.jpg: Eagle Scout, Matt Morrison, proudly shows off the Survivor's Garden



Foothills Carolina club.jpg: (Left to Right) John Donnelly, John Powell, Mark Murphy, Eric Sipe, and Guy Scronce of the Foothills Carolina Club

