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### **THANK YOU FROM A SAFE HOME FOR EVERYONE**

**Jefferson, NC** – October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and A Safe Home for Everyone (A.S.H.E.) was quite busy raising awareness of this issue in our community. During October, A.S.H.E., a program of Ashe County Partnership for Children, hosted a 5-session Advocate Training, held a balloon release in remembrance of victims of violent crime, presented our Second Annual Candlelight Vigil on the steps of the Ashe County Courthouse to show support to the survivors and victims of domestic violence and their families, and held a radio contest in collaboration with 580 WKSK. We truly appreciate the community support we receive and would like to thank everyone who donated to these special events:

580 WKSK; Becky Absher and Becky's Boutique; Anonymous donor of Becky's Boutique Certificate; Stacy Adams; Ashe County Cheese Plant; BoJangles; CrossRoads Counseling; Faith Fellowship; Kit Gruelle; Colinda Hendricks, Jenny Holmes; Jefferson Florist; Shane Little and Style Depot; Los Arcoiris; Lowes Food; Lowes Home Improvement; Paulette Lynch; Tommy McClure; Dan McMillan; Coach Jerry Moore and ASU Mountaineers; Parkway Theater; Prime Sirloin; Carol Roten; Jerry Smith; Smoky Mountain BBQ; The family of Carlene South; Sweet and Savory Bakery; Wal-Mart/Murphy's USA; Ron Yancey; Carlton Yearick; and Michael Yelton.

If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence or sexual assault, or if you would like to find out how you can join the fight to end this violence, please call A Safe Home for Everyone at (336) 982-8851. The 24-hour hotline number is (336) 246-5430. A.S.H.E. provides services and support for victims of family violence. The program provides 24-hour crisis assistance, shelter for families in crisis, court advocacy and accompaniment, victim support groups, educational programs and training, and Threads of Hope thrift store.

Ashe County Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services for families and children in Ashe County. They fund or directly run various programs such as: Smart Start programs to benefit children ages birth through five and their families; domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and awareness services, including shelter services; a Family Literacy program with transportation, child care and family support; and Family Support Services offering playgroups, parenting support and education.

For more information about Ashe County Partnership for Children, visit [www.ashechildren.org](http://www.ashechildren.org), or call (336) 982-4588.



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