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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR SAFER FAMILIES, SAFER COMMUNITIES

Jefferson, NC – A Safe Home for Everyone (A.S.H.E.), the domestic violence prevention and awareness program for Ashe County, announced today that it will hold a Candlelight Vigil on Friday, October 9, in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The Candlelight Vigil will be held on the front steps of the new Ashe County Courthouse, with the candle lighting and opening remarks beginning at 7:00pm on October 9.

A.S.H.E. is holding the vigil to raise awareness and educate community members on the ever-growing problem of family violence in Ashe County. The vigil will also honor the survivors of domestic violence, as well as the memories of those who lost their lives.

Featured speakers will include Stacy Adams, Assistant District Attorney, A.S.H.E. staff members and volunteers, and survivors of domestic violence and their families. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the vigil to show their support in the fight to end domestic violence in Ashe County – because domestic violence isn't just a family problem, it's a community problem.

A.S.H.E. is operated by the Ashe County Partnership for Children, a non-profit organization that provides programs and services for families and children in Ashe County. The Partnership strives to support a community that provides opportunities for all children and families in Ashe County to become healthy, educated, and self-reliant.

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 a thrift store.

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