

Kids First Child Advocacy Center Annual Soup's On Event – in Loving Memory of Norma Racke



This year's annual Soup's On fundraiser benefitting the Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth District is dedicated in honor and remembrance of our dear friend and former President of the CAC Board of Directors whom we lost on June 19, 2017, Norma Racke.

Norma was a true advocate for children as a compassionate, protective, and loving elementary school teacher for 25 years in the Avondale Schools (Michigan) with a huge heart for children's welfare. She and her husband Jack relocated to Tellico Village in 1992 where she volunteered for several non-profit organizations, but none so dear as the CAC whose mission is to **"To Heal the Pain of Child Abuse"**. Services provided to Loudon, Meigs, Morgan, and Roane counties encompass Forensic Interviews, Victim Services, Therapy, Forensic Medical Examinations, Services for the drug-endangered child, School-based intervention/prevention program, Education Group for Teen Moms (school-based), Adult Survivor Group and Resource Library Provider (school-based) and provider of community education. The CAC staff are the most dedicated professionals with unparalleled tenure.

Norma was a trailblazer for the CAC when it was started in 2002, and a creative resource for fundraising events as CAC services expanded out of need in the geographic areas being served. The Soup's On event was created by Norma in 2006 during her tenure as Board President, and is an annual gathering to serve the community soup, chili, bread, and cookies to raise money for the services provided by the CAC. The event has endured for over 10 years as a staple of the CAC's fundraising events. Through the generosity of Norma and the support teams that put their time and funds into making this event a huge success, all proceeds go to the CAC to benefit the programs that support children directly. A tradition and legacy that has served the CAC every year since inception, and preserves the quality of service being delivered to each child.

This year's Soup's On event is being held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church located on 260 Wade Rd., Loudon, TN 37774. Tickets can be purchased in advance at various locations throughout Tellico Village, the Church, CAC, CAC staff members or CAC Board Members. Visit the CAC website www.kidsfirsttn.org and the Facebook page for more information about all of the events and where to get tickets <https://www.facebook.com/KidsFirstTN/> or call the CAC directly at (865)986-1505.

We hope to see you all at Soup's On to celebrate Norma's legacy of giving and love that benefit the Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District!