

# PAINT HENRY BLUE

Raising Awareness for the Prevention of Child Abuse



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release: LOCAL AGENCIES JOIN FORCES FOR A PINWHEEL VIGIL, THURSDAY, MARCH 30 IN RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH...**

Several local agencies will join forces to host a Pinwheel Vigil at Merle Manders Conference Center (111 Davis Rd, Stockbridge, Ga.), Thursday, March 30, at 7:00pm. The Pinwheel Ceremony is to kick-off April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Shana Thornton with SCBTv will emcee the event, which will feature several local school groups as well as two child abuse survivors telling their story. Stockbridge Mayor Neal and the other local Mayors will be on hand to present the proclamation for all the local cities making April Child Abuse Prevention month for all of Henry County. A survivor will sing a special song as everyone raises their pinwheels in honor of all the victims of child abuse. There will be literature about prevention efforts and children's programs. The public is invited. Please join us as we show our support for the Paint Henry Blue campaign.

The "*Paint Henry Blue*" campaign is a month long initiative to bring awareness and prevention efforts of child abuse to the forefront and to make a positive difference in our community. Henry County Child Protective Services investigated 1,084 cases in 2015. There are many Agencies work hard to make a difference. Leading the way are the Southern Crescent Child Advocacy Center, Prevent Child Abuse Henry County, A Friend's House, Connecting Henry, Henry County Schools, Dept. Of Family & Children Services and the Henry County Library System along with the City of Hampton, City of Locust Grove, City of McDonough, City of Stockbridge, all local Law Enforcement as well as many local citizens. We hope to blanket Henry County in blue with blue bows, blue ribbons and thousands of pinwheels. The blue ribbon is a positive symbol of the need to do our best when it comes to children and families. The pinwheel serves as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It is a reflection of hope, health and safety. During April, you will see pinwheel gardens and blue bows all around town in hopes of bring awareness to prevention efforts in Henry County and as a visual reminder of that, it takes a whole community to protect our children.

To find out more about the pinwheel vigil or the Paint Henry Blue campaign please visit our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/paintthetownbluehenry> or email us at [painthentryblue@gmail.com](mailto:painthentryblue@gmail.com).