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KCHD, Partners to Observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Knoxville, Tenn. – The Knox County Health Department and several community partners are holding their seventh observation of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16 at Lakeshore Park’s Marble Hall. This day was created to provide awareness of those who have lost an infant or pregnancy.

“As we strive to prevent infant loss, it is important that we create space for families who have experienced this tragedy to remember their babies and feel the support of the community around them,” said KCHD Program Manager Amber Ford. “No matter how short their lives, these babies are precious and well loved.”

All those who have been touched by this loss are encouraged to drive through and view a special display of signs and luminaries remembering babies lost. There will also be an opportunity for families and loved ones to park their cars and gather at Marble Hall to be in community with other families. Every family will receive a gift, including a candle and luminary to place at their home in remembrance of their loved one.

The event is made possible by support from Project Gabriel, the University of Tennessee Medical Center, East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, the Precious Prints Project, and the East Tennessee Regional Health Office.

KCHD also encourages families to participate in the Wave of Light that will take place across the world in memory of these losses. To do this, please safely place a candle or luminary in a place that is visible outside your home or in a window at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15. If you wish, you may send a picture of your luminary to lauren@theprojectgabriel.org.

To reserve your candle and luminary at the event, please register at www.utmedicalcenter.org/events. For more information, please call the Knox County Health Department at 865-215-5170.

About Knox County Health Department

The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

