

Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults

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2010 “Shae” Banther Wiser Domestic Violence Memorial Walk

Chattanooga, TN – The Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults is hosting a walk in memory of Shannon “Shae” Banther Wiser, a Chattanooga resident who recently died at the hands of domestic violence. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 24 from 3 - 5p.m. at Coolidge Park and is a free event. On-site registration and the walk will start on the south shore of the Walnut Street Bridge and conclude in Coolidge Park with remarks by those who knew and loved Shae.

The walk is supported by presenting sponsor BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and encourages the community to “Stand Up and Speak Out” against domestic violence in an effort to save lives. Shae was a mother of two boys and a much beloved employee of BlueCross. She has been greatly missed by her co-workers, who will be attending the event in her memory. Event organizers encourage survivors of domestic violence and their families to attend the walk not only in memory of Shae, but also in an act of solidarity to give voice to other victims who have perished. The Mayor’s Office of the City of Chattanooga will also recognize the day in memory of Shae.

“Many in our community have been touched by Shae’s story. This walk is an opportunity for the community as a whole to express both our profound sadness of the reality of domestic violence and our hope for healing” says Regina McDevitt, Director of Partnership Crisis Services. The Partnership’s Crisis Services program will have representatives on hand after the event to answer questions about available resources for victims and their families. A 24-hour Crisis Hotline is operated by the Partnership to offer confidential advice, safety planning and emergency shelter assistance to victims. Call 423.755.2700 any time, day or night.

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About Partnership’s Family Violence Shelter and Services: The Partnership’s Family Violence Shelter provided crisis intervention services, emergency hotlines, counseling, shelter, advocacy and referral services to over 4,000 individuals affected by family violence last year alone. Many of these services are staffed 24 hours a day and are available to assist a client or victim in a moment’s notice. The Partnership Families, Children, and Adults is a nonprofit agency that has been empowering people to build better lives through counseling, crisis intervention, prevention and education programs for 133 years. The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a United Way Member Agency and is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation.