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City marks International Overdose Awareness Day

The City of Bristol is marking International Overdose Awareness Day on Thursday, August 31 and invite you to join us in the Tennessee High School Auditorium located on Edgemont Avenue, in Bristol, Tennessee. Beginning at 7PM and continuing until 9PM, groups from throughout the region will be on hand to assist with education on the subject of drug overdose, offer support and create community awareness. The program will feature speakers, music, and a candlelight ceremony.

The city is joining other communities around the country to remember those who have been injured or who have died due to substance use overdose, to identify and prevent the risks of overdose, and to reduce the stigma of substance use addiction in family and community life.

“There are so many faces of overdosing. The spiraling opioid epidemic has disrupted many families. The addiction sweeping the country has produced a flood of bewildered children who, having lost their parents to drug use or overdose, are now living with foster families or relatives,” said Terrie Talbert, Director of Community Relations. “This seems to be an insight not recognized very often. We are delighted to be a part of this event and assist in spreading the word, that there is hope and help out there.”

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. The event is being hosted by The ADDICTS Family and Watauga Recovery Centers. For more information contact Rhonda Coffey by email r1019@aol.com or Terrie Talbert at 423-989-5500 Ext. 2055 or via email tsmith-talbert@bristoltn.org.

