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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 the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day event on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the UT Gardens Friendship Pavilion. This event is dedicated to raising awareness about the grief and challenges faced by families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of an infant.

"Sadly, many of us either know someone affected by this terrible loss or have experienced it ourselves," said KCHD Health Planner Chelsea Gouty. "We want this to be a space where families can come celebrate their child and be in community with others who understand their grief."

All those who have been affected by this type of loss are encouraged to attend and view a special display of signs and luminaries remembering their loved ones. Every family will receive a gift, including a candle and luminary to place at their home.

The event is made possible with support from Project Gabriel, the University of Tennessee Medical Center, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, and the Precious Prints Project.

If you're unable to attend, you can participate in the Wave of Light that will take place across the world in memory of these losses. Please safely place a candle or luminary in a place that is visible outside your home or in a window on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 7 p.m.

To reserve your candle and luminary at the event, please register at www.utmedicalcenter.org/events.

## **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.

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