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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Henderson County Announces New Year's Eve Ambassador

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County Manager Steve Wyatt is pleased to announce the 2018 New Year's Eve Ambassador. Caroline Long, Founder and Executive Director of St. Gerard House will emcee the Apple Rise and usher in 2019 in the courtyard at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street in Hendersonville.

Caroline Long founded St. Gerard House eight years ago after both of her children were diagnosed with autism. She dedicated herself to learning everything she could about autism spectrum disorder. With the experience and knowledge that she received, Caroline decided to share that knowledge with families seeking autism treatment. In 2014, Caroline received the Athena Award for Henderson County for the leadership she exhibits in serving her community.

The New Year's Eve Celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 with family fun events wrapping up around 7:00 p.m. After a break, the event resumes at 11:00 p.m. with noisemakers, hot beverages and the countdown to the Apple Rise. We look forward to seeing you to ring in 2019 in Henderson County.

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