

# Missing girl's family hopes balloons bring answers

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CEDAR RAPIDS — A total of 150 balloons were released shortly after noon Sunday, each carrying a picture of Erin Pospisil, who has been missing for six years.



Erin Pospisil  
Missing since  
2001

Erin Pospisil was 15 on June 3, 2001, when she got into a car in the 100 block of 12th Street SE. The black Chevrolet Cavalier, about 10 years old, wasn't familiar to Erin's family, but friends said she seemed to know the people inside.

"We've tried to do something every year to honor her memory," said Carolyn Pospisil, 37, of Cedar Rapids, Erin's stepmother.

On Sunday, several dozen people gathered inside Maranatha Bible Church, 701 25th St. NE, for a prayer service to pray for Erin and the more than 400 people who are currently listed as missing across Iowa.



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Doug Minney, 60, of Cedar Rapids, who is Erin Pospisil's grandfather, gets ready to send off balloons at Maranatha Bible Church in Cedar Rapids on the six-year anniversary of Erin's disappearance. She was 15 when she disappeared.

After the service they moved outside into the rain to release the balloons.

Carolyn Pospisil said maybe with

Erin's story being in the news again somebody who knows something about her whereabouts will decide that it's time to step forward.

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