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Family still hoping to find their daughter who's been missing more than a decade



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CEDAR RAPIDS (KWWL) - Rain and cold weather didn't stop Erin Pospisil's family and friends from coming together in Cedar Rapids Saturday.

"We also do it so that people can remember and also gives us all a chance to come together at the same time and honor her," said Carolyn Pospisil, Erin's Mother.

This is the tenth year people have gathered to honor Erin. The group releases balloons or lanterns to remember the girl who was 15 years old when she went missing on June 3, 2001, a day that is still vivid in her parents' memories.

"You don't forget," said Jim Pospisil, Erin's father,

Erin went to a friend's house to watch movies but the friend wasn't home.

"The gentleman that give her the ride said that she came down and talked to some people that pulled up," said Carolyn. "She'd get a ride home with them and no one ever brought her home."

Despite more than a decade passing, the family still holds out hope their daughter will be found.

"We still hope that she's out there somewhere," said Jim.

"We still want to know what happened but at the same time we still have hope that we'll find her.," said Carolyn. "When you have stories like what happened in Ohio where three girls are found ten years, nine years later, and so it does bring back some hope that we'll bring her home as well."

It's not just their own daughter the Pospisils want to find. Saturday was National Missing Children's day.

"My wife said there's over 10,000 per year that come up missing," said Jim. "We're just trying to get the word out there."

"That's who we want to honor today and to have the hope that they, too, will be able to come home," said Carolyn.