USA Track And Field Coaching Director Will Headline Holston Home Dinner

Benefit Dinner Is Sept. 17 At GMI

Terry Crawford, director of coaching for USA Track and Field, will be the guest speaker on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the annual "Friends of Children" dinner benefiting Holston United Methodist Home for Children.

Seating is limited at the event, which takes place at the General Morgan Inn.

A photo reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on tickets, call Nicole Rader at Holston Home at 423-787-8753 or email her at nicolerader@holstonhome.org.

Proceeds from the event will go directly to benefit Holston Home, which has been providing "hope and healing for children and families struggling with life's challenges since 1895," according to Charles Hutchins, vice president for Development and Church Relations.

"Last year, Holston Home touched the lives of more than 700 children and youth," Hutchins said in the release. "By supporting our Friends of Children events, such as this, we can continue to do even more in the future for the children."

Holston Home, headquartered in Greeneville, has family service centers in Johnson City, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Bristol, Va.

Crawford's Background

Crawford is no stranger to East Tennessee. After finishing her education at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, she became the school's head Women's Track and Field/Cross Country coach.

She now coaches Olympians and serves as director of coaching for USA Track and Field.

"We are very excited and honored to have Terry as guest speaker for our Friends of Children dinner this year," Holston Home board member Debbie Oldenberg said in the release.

Title IX was not yet in place when Crawford was in high school. Her track and field experience began during her freshman year at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she received a bachelor's degree in education in 1970, and a master's degree in exercise physiology in 1972.



TERRY CRAWFORD

In 1972 Terry was hired as head track and field coach at the University of Tennessee (1973-84).

She went on to serve as head coach at several other universities, including the University of Texas (1984-92) and Cal Poly State University (1992-2009).

She also headed the 1998 women's Olympic team, Pan American squad and World University team.

In 2009 Terry Crawford began her current role as director of coaching for United States Track and Field.

During her career she has earned several awards and titles, including:

- First woman president of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross County Coaches Association;
- National NCAA Coach of the Year nine times;
- Southwest Conference Coach of the Year 12 times;
- Southeast Conference Coach of the Year three times;
- Member of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross County Coaches Association Hall of Fame;
- Member of the University of Tennessee Hall of Fame;
- Member of the University of Texas Hall of Fame; and
- USA Track & Field President's Award, 1988.