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SAFE KIDS METRO KC TO PROVIDE CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS

Kansas City, MO- Safe Kids Metro KC, a program of Mother & Child Health Coalition, and member/partner Buckle Up Our Future* will provide Safe Kids Buckle Up child safety seat installations and inspections at:

**Cable-Dahmer Chevrolet, 1834 S. Noland Road, Independence
On Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of children under 14. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that approximately 73% of all child passenger restraints — more than 80% of car seats and about 40% of booster seats — are used incorrectly. Missouri and Kansas now require children age 4 through 7 and under 80 pounds and 4'9" to be restrained in a booster seat.

Nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will perform inspections and train parents and caregivers to install seats for children of all ages. This service is FREE and usually takes 20 to 30 minutes. Parents or caregivers need to bring the child and the safety seat. Some seats are available for families – contributions are requested so additional seats can be purchased.

Safe Kids Buckle Up is a national program of **Safe Kids Worldwide**. Sponsored by General Motors, it educates parents and caregivers about the importance of properly restraining children on every ride. ***Buckle Up Our Future** is an Independence-based grassroots organization whose goal is that children under 8 riding in vehicles are safely restrained.

For more information about Saturday's activities or to schedule an interview, please contact Deb Bumgardner at (816) 283-6242, ext. 244 or Sylvia Flores at (816) 521-7552.

Mother & Child Health Coalition promotes the health of mothers and children through community planning, education, advocacy and collaboration with organizations addressing infant mortality, immunizations, childhood obesity, maternal health and child safety.

Photo and interviews are available upon request.

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