



Maternal and Child Health Coalition of Greater Kansas City

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“Holiday Sharing” Provides Christmas Meals to Area Families

Kansas City, MO - Susan McLoughlin, Executive Director of the Maternal and Child Health Coalition (MCHC), announced today that the Coalition’s Kansas City Healthy Start Program and its Dedicated Dads Coalition have joined together with the Clay Johnson Foundation as partners to provide food items for a complete Christmas meal for selected area families. “Holiday Sharing” will take place on Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Emerald House, 3620 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri. The goal of “Holiday Sharing” is to provide ingredients for Christmas meals for families who might otherwise not have one.

The Clay Johnson Foundation is sponsoring the “Holiday Sharing” and providing the funding to purchase food items. The Kansas City Healthy Start Program and its Dedicated Dads Coalition are coordinating activities and providing the manpower that will serve 60 – 70 families in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Families have been selected by the Dedicated Dad’s Coalition and issued an invitation which will identify them as a participant of “Holiday Sharing.” These families will receive food items for a complete Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Clay Johnson said, “Holiday Sharing provides families an opportunity to celebrate Christmas dinner together in their own homes, sharing the holiday with loved ones, at a time and place convenient to their own family’s schedule.”

Along with the food items, information on healthy recipes and tips on healthy food preparation will be provided by the Maternal and Child Health Coalition’s **EAT SMALL** Public Awareness Campaign.

The Clay Johnson Foundation is focused on positive role modeling for youth and developing life skills, using sports activities as a vehicle to attract youth interest.

For more information about Clay Johnson Foundation, contact Clay Johnson at 816-516-1204 and for the Dedicated Dads Coalition, contact Tyrone Yarbrough at 816-283-6242 ext. 240.

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Maternal and 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. **Interviews are available upon request.**