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LOCAL INJURY PREVENTION HEROES RECOGNIZED

Kansas City, MO- Safe Kids Metro KC will present its 2008 Injury Prevention Awards at their Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Unified Government Public Health Department Auditorium, 619 Ann, Kansas City, Kansas from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The following organizations and individuals will be recognized for leadership in helping keep children free from injuries:

Sharon Mohler and the Walking School Bus Program of Saint Peter's Catholic School will receive the BEST PRACTICES AWARD for providing safe walking education for students of all ages.

Buckle up Our Future members, Kimberly Mullendore, Shannon Terry, Phyllis Bailey, Boyd Sanford, Harold Martin, Charles Westmorland and Jan Westmorland will receive the BUCKLE UP PARTNER AWARD for providing opportunities for families to ensure that children are riding safely restrained.

The Mid America Regional Council's Council on Early Learning and Major Vince Cannon, North Patrol Division Commander of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department will receive the COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD for bringing together KCMO police officers certified in Child Passenger Safety and Head Start families needing car seats or booster seats for their children.

The goal of Safe Kids Metro KC is to protect children under 15 living in the greater Kansas City area from their number one killer -- unintentional injury. Safe Kids Metro KC is proudly led by the Mother & Child Health Coalition. For more information about these injury prevention awards or Safe Kids Metro KC please contact Safe Kids Metro KC program coordinator, Deb Bumgardner at (816) 283-6242 ext. 244 or Anne Biswell at (816) 806-9929 (cell).

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