

*Season's Greetings!*



## *Season's Greeting From Safe Kids Upstate*

Welcome to the year-end holiday excitement! This issue of the Safe Kids Upstate Newsletter includes information on being safe during the holiday and winter season, recent events, and upcoming events.

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### **Injury Prevention Educational Kits**

This fall, Safe Kids Upstate released their new Injury Prevention Educational Kits. These kits are fun interactive activities that help both adults and children/teens understand why they should wear helmets, wear life jackets, be safe when walking, and sit out of a sport due to symptoms of concussions. There are seven educational kits available to community members, schools, and Safe Kids Upstate partners. They are free to use and provide a fun and fantastic way for children to learn!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Holiday Safety**

It's that time of year again when we we enjoy festive meals, colorful decorations and travel to see friends and family. Below are some important holiday safety tips:

- Blow out candles and store matches/lighters out of reach
- Water the tree regularly to prevent fires
- Decorate the tree and house with kids in mind
- Find the perfect toy for the right age to prevent choking and suffocation
- When buckling up, dress the children as if they were inside--do not dress children in big coats or jackets in their car seat- in the event of a car

accident, the harness may not keep t

- Prevent spill with pot handles--keep them inward towards the stove head

[Click here to learn more about how to be safe during the holidays.](#)

### 3D Teen Driving Program

Every week approximately 48 teens die due to a motor vehicle crash. That's four bus loads of teens dying every month. A majority of these deaths are preventable. Thanks to Kohl's, Safe Kids Upstate developed a research-based Teen Driving Program called the Kohl's 3D Teen Driving Program. The 3D's stand for Drugged, Drunk, and Distracted. Lack of seat belt use, distractions, drunk driving, and other impairments increase a teens risk of injury and death in a car crash. Safe Kids Upstate works with schools to train student club leaders that will promote safe driving efforts in the school to have continual information on safe teen driving. The school will have access to various resources including the 3D Simulator that includes, driving karts, impairment goggles, and more. If you would like your teen's high school to get involved let them know you want a club to prevent this leading cause of death in teens by signing the petition today.



[Click here to learn more.](#)

### America's Favorite Crossing Guard

It's voting season! Safe Kids Worldwide is looking to name America's Favorite Crossing Guard! Nominate your school's crossing guard today, and your school could win \$10,000. There are also second and third place cash prizes for schools. It's easy!

[Click here to vote.](#)

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## Recent Events

### OMH Golf Tournament



There was a tremendous turnout for Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation's 11th Annual Golf Classic held at Cross Creek and The Cliffs! Thank you to the Title Sponsor, Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation, presenting sponsor-Lake Keowee Chrysler Dodge as well as many businesses and golfers who came out to sponsor Safe Kids Upstate and other hospital services in Oconee

County. Thank you also to the Seneca Fire Department for their assistance with the "Golf Ball Drop".

## International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day was celebrated at Westminster Elementary School in Oconee County. Thanks to Coach Hamilton and Guidance Counselor Lynn Lyles for their efforts in coordinating and partnering with Safe Kids Upstate to promote this important day. Parents, students, teachers and staff joined together - approximately 400 walkers - on a beautiful, cool, South Carolina morning. Many schools across Greenville County and Pickens County also participated. Some of our special guests included; Reedy Rip-it, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Buddy Bear, and the Clemson Tiger!



## First Impressions Community Awareness Event



First Impressions is a one stop shop for outreach and information referrals. They work closely with local organizations to ensure education, work, training, financial, health and food services are being offered and implemented to help families and individuals become financially stable and self-

sufficient.

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, First Impressions had their first Free Community Awareness Event. Many organizations around the area were present. Safe Kids Upstate helped families learn about what they could do in their home to make it safer with Buddy's Safety House. Families had the opportunity to walk through the house with their children to identify safety hazards and talk about best practices.

## Hispanic Alliance Health Fair

This annual Health Fair, Festival de la Salud, targeted the Hispanic community to educate the community about health services available. The Bradshaw Institute for Community Child Health & Advocacy was present to educate families about the over the counter medicine and the importance of proper medication administration.



**Children's Hospital**  
Greenville Health System  
Bradshaw Institute for Community  
Child Health & Advocacy

## Easley Fire Department's Open House

Each year more and more people attend the Easley Fire Department Open House! This is a fantastic event where different agencies, and organizations from across the city and county meet the community to get to know them and also provide fantastic giveaways.

## Seneca's Home Depot Safety Day

On Saturday, October 13th Safe Kids Upstate partnered with our local coalition and community agencies to host "Heroes Big and Small" at the Home Depot in Seneca, SC. Families were able to enjoy the Home Depot Workshop to build a Fire Boat, Buddy's House, the Kohl's 3D challenge, Bike Helmets fitted by the Seneca Pilot Club, Fingerprint ID by the Seneca Police Department,



Climbing in and on EMS vehicles, Big Trucks, Fire Trucks, visit by our Sheriff Department K9, Clifford the Big Red Dog, The Chick-fil-a Cow and Calf, Heroes in Force ( Batman and the Kit Car ) and Superman and see a live demonstration of a structure fire with and without sprinklers!

## Home Run for Healthy Kids



Since 2008, the Junior League of Greenville has partnered with Greenville County Schools and generous sponsors to reach over 17,000 students and invested over \$150,000 with the goal of improving the community by teaching children to adopt healthier lifestyles. Safe Kids Upstate was one of the participants in this year's Home Run

for Healthy Kids, the SKU team focused on injury prevention awareness, and educating on bike helmet safety and concussion prevention through one of our community toolkit games. A big thank you to the JLG for inviting Safe Kids Upstate to participate in yet another year of this wonderful event.

## Leadership Pickens Community Service Fair

Safe Kids Upstate and several other local non-profits attended the first Pickens County Community Services Fair. Community leaders stopped by each table to learn about each non-profit and examined avenues to help each service attain their goals.



## *Upcoming Events*

Pickens County

- [Pickens Village Library Family Safety Day--November 10, 2018](#)

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