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MEDIA RELEASE

Ben Taub to “Shatter Dreams” at Klein Oak High School

Breaking News: Two teens “died” Oct. 12 in a two-car accident in front of 1,500 students at Klein Oak High School. Another student remains hospitalized in critical condition and yet another faces criminal charges. Police suspect the accident is alcohol-related.

HOUSTON (Oct. 2, 2006) – Hoping to impress teens with a visual reminder of the dangers of underage drinking and drug use, Ben Taub General Hospital and several city and state agencies are spearheading a “Shattered Dreams” presentation at 8:45 a.m. Oct. 12 at Klein Oak High School in Spring.

Shattered Dreams, a nationally recognized program, uses a graphic car collision re-enactment involving student actors and actual emergency personnel. The event is performed live before senior and junior class students.

“We want to make young people aware of the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs,” said Robin Garza, Ben Taub’s trauma outcome manager. “When these preventable accidents occur, they not only affect the victims, but also their families, friends, health care providers, law enforcement, school officials, and others. This is a tragic domino effect we want to stop before it starts.”

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most-populous county. It provides quality health care for more than 1.1 million patient visits each year to residents of Harris County. It operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, seven school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

WHAT: Shattered Dreams event
WHEN: 8:45 a.m. Oct. 12, 2006
WHERE: Klein Oak High School, 22603 Northcrest Dr., Spring, 77389

Photo opportunities and interviews with participants, both students and agency representatives, are available.

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