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MEDIA RELEASE

Ben Taub to “Shatter Dreams” for Spring Break at Two Area Schools

Breaking News: Two teenagers died March 1 in a two-car accident in front of 1,200 students at Klein Collins High School. Another student remains hospitalized in critical condition and yet another faces criminal charges. Police suspect the accident is alcohol-related.

HOUSTON (Feb. 27, 2007) – 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 two “Shattered Dreams” presentations in advance of spring break.

The first will be at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 1, at Klein Collins High School in Spring. The second will be at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 8, at Cesar Chavez High School in Houston.

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.”

WHAT: Shattered Dreams for Spring Break

WHEN: 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2007

WHERE: Klein Collins High School, 20811 Ella Blvd., Spring, 77388

WHEN: 9:15 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007

WHERE: Cesar Chavez High School, 8501 Howard St., Houston, 77017

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

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, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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