



Harris County Hospital District

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MEDIA RELEASE

MLK Health Center Hosts Bicycle Safety and Mini-Health Fair

First 150 children receive free bicycle helmets

HOUSTON (May 26, 2008) – About one child per day dies as a result of a bicycle accident. Physicians and staff from the Harris County Hospital District’s Martin Luther King Health Center want to change that statistic and help ensure the safety of local children.

The Martin Luther King Health Center’s Medicine and Pediatrics Clinic, along with the Texas Medical Foundation’s Hard Hats for Little Heads, and the Harris County Hospital District Foundation, will be giving away 150 free children’s helmets on June 14.

In Houston, children under the age of 18 who ride a bicycle or any sidecar, trailer, child carrier, seat or other device attached to a bicycle must wear a helmet.

Physicians and staff will be on hand to properly fit helmets. Staff will also offer free immunizations for children 18 years old and younger, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings at the health fair, along with health literature and information.

The first 150 children will receive free helmets.

WHAT: MLK Bicycle Helmet Safety and Mini-Health Fair

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2008

WHERE: MLK Health Center, 3601 N. MacGregor

PHOTO OP: Contact Nicole M. Benningfield to arrange

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most populous county. It provides more than one million health care visits each year residents of Harris County. The hospital district 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 five mobile health units.

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