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## Safe Kids Greater Houston Receives Team of the Year Award

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Safe Kids Greater Houston was recognized March 30 as the 2019 "Team of the Year" by the National Child Passenger Safety Board during an awards ceremony at the Lifesavers Conference in the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Safe Kids Greater Houston was selected because of its unwavering commitment to child passenger safety. The coalition, which is led by the Texas Children's Hospital and based out of Houston, conducts seat check events at 20 inspection sites that span five counties, one totaling nearly 2,000 square miles.

"The people on this team are special," said National Child Passenger Safety Board Chair Tammy Franks. "Their willingness to go that extra mile in an effort to educate parents and caregivers on car seat safety is extraordinary. Their work prevents unnecessary injuries and saves countless lives."

More than 300 nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians serve on the Safe Kids Greater Houston team, which is led by Kristen Beckworth. The team works with its friends from EMS, police and fire and non-profit organizations at more than 50 community events each year.

Members of the Safe Kids Greater Houston team check more than 5,000 car seats every year and distribute more than 1,500 seats to families. They also provide child passenger safety presentations at health fairs and meet regularly with daycare personnel, healthcare professionals, PTO and Mommy groups.

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work," Franks said. "No one can question the commitment of the team at Safe Kids Greater

Houston. Nor should anyone doubt they are winning a game that truly matters, the game of child passenger safety."

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