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Marie Snodgrass Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board
New Injury Prevention/Healthcare Rep Looks to Speak Up on Behalf of Others

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie Snodgrass to the Board. She will serve the Board as its Injury Prevention-Healthcare representative.

Snodgrass leads the Injury Prevention Program at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, a Level I Trauma Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. Since taking on her current role nine years ago, she has expanded the scope of the hospital’s injury prevention program to not only include parent and caregiver education on child passenger safety but also home, bicycle, pedestrian, medication, water and firearm safety. She replaces Jim Savage, the Board’s outgoing Injury Prevention-Healthcare representative. Savage has served on the Board in multiple capacities from 2020-2024, including Board Chair from 2023-2024.

“I am thrilled to pass the baton to someone like Marie, who has a passion for safety and extensive experience working in the injury prevention field,” Savage said. “It has been a privilege for me to serve the Board in this role. As I step aside, I draw comfort in knowing Marie will be an excellent injury prevention representative and strive to support the Board’s safety initiatives.”

In her work at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, Snodgrass sees patients and families. She trains and supports staff members and interns. She also is charged with identifying potential funding sources and writes grant proposals with a goal of backing safety initiatives. In addition, she oversees programming in underserved communities where resources often are limited.

Snodgrass is the co-Chair of the State of Michigan’s Occupant Protection Action Team for the Governor’s Traffic Safety Advisory Commission. The team is currently planning the state’s annual Child Passenger Safety Conference. In addition, she is co-Chair of a newly formed Traffic Safety Sub-Committee for the Michigan Trauma Coalition.

Snodgrass first became a Child Passenger Safety Technician in 2001. She worked for Carman-Ainsworth at the time, a Head Start program in Flint, Mich., and was looking to be part of a

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safety solution. She witnessed too many children riding in vehicles unrestrained or incorrectly restrained on their way to-and-from school. She volunteered on weekends in the Greater Flint Safe Kids Coalition and helped establish a monthly car seat fitting station at the Flint Head Start Center.

She ultimately came to realize her work truly was making a difference in the lives of others one day after she moved on to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. She was called to the emergency room to help a family that was involved in a crash. The mother recognized her instantly and credited her for helping save her daughter's life. Snodgrass earlier had explained to the woman how the middle of the back seat might be a safer option for her newborn upon her discharge from the birthing unit.

"Apparently, the passenger's side of their vehicle had been hit severely that day and that is where her daughter's seat was originally placed until our discussion," Snodgrass said. "Of course, none of us know what could have happened that day, but I am thankful we didn't have to know. This is the story I remember on tough days when someone questions me or doesn't follow recommendations or when things just don't go as planned."

Marie was born and raised in Flint. She lives now in Burton with her husband, Jay, their two sons, Trey and Jack, and dog, Libby, a Boston Terrier. Trey is a junior at York College in York, Pa. He is studying mechanical engineering. Jack is a senior in high school. He plans to attend Hood College in Fredrick, Md., and pursue a degree in graphic arts. Both boys play lacrosse. Marie works nights and weekends on her second job – as a referee with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (officiating high school and middle school volleyball matches and basketball games).

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board's mission is to save lives and prevent injuries by promoting child passenger safety through education, mentorship, engagement and innovation. The Board's work is managed by the National Safety Council. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website at www.cpsboard.org