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### **Area Residents Invited to Safety Day on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

UHRICHSVILLE—To promote vehicle passenger safety awareness and Ohio Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Month, the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) is partnering with Safe Communities of Tuscarawas County, McDonald’s restaurant, Ohio Buckles Buckeyes, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to host Community Safety Day on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12 pm to 2 pm at the rear parking lot of the Uhrichsville McDonald’s, 101 W. McCauley Drive. Throughout this free event, participants can receive a car seat safety check (for those with infants and young children) and free child bicycle helmets while supplies last. Additionally, the first 100 families will receive goody bags. All event activities will take place rain or shine, and an officer from the Ohio State Highway Patrol will speak about passenger safety at 12:30 pm to kick off the Safe Communities Click It or Ticket campaign for this year.

“According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are a leading cause of death for children, and events like these allow us to work with local families to ensure everyone is using car seats and seatbelts properly,” explained Abigale Raber, Child Passenger Safety Technician and Health Educator for the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD). “Many times, injuries and deaths can be prevented through the proper use of car seats, boosters, and seatbelts. We are hoping for a great turnout at this event so that we can help area residents travel as safely as possible in motor vehicles.”

Also, to promote Ohio Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Month, TCHD has also partnered with the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) in a statewide effort to remind children to “Put a Lid On It!” Thanks to a grant from the Ohio AAP and matching donations from The American Italian Club of Dennison and The Dennison Rotary Club, free bike helmets will be provided to children while supplies last during the event. Universal use of bicycle helmets by children ages 4 to 15 could prevent between 135 and 155 deaths, between 39,000 and 45,000 head injuries, and between 18,000 and 55,000 scalp and face injuries annually in the United States.

For more information about the Community Safety Day event, to learn about TCHD’s car seat safety classes, or to apply for a free car seat or booster seat, contact TCHD via email at [healthed@tchdnow.org](mailto:healthed@tchdnow.org) or call 330-343-5555, ext. 182 or 111. To learn more about bike helmet safety, visit [www.ohioaap.org/PutALidOnIt](http://www.ohioaap.org/PutALidOnIt) .

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