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Press Release

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Kid's Safety Day promotes fun, awareness, and charity!

Woodbine, GA (March 29, 2011): Camden County's HOPE Team would like to extend our thanks to all those who participated in Kid's Safety Day on Saturday, March 26th to promote safety and fun in our community while helping to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life! The event was a huge success, raising approximately \$800 towards the team's goal of \$5,000!

This fun-filled event featured on-site fire trucks and ambulances from Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR), as well as from the Cities of Kingsland and St. Marys. Children were able to learn about fire safety through demonstrations and tours of the vehicles from the public safety professionals. Sparky, the fire dog, and five of Camden County's famous safety clowns were on hand to greet and make balloons for the kids. Camden County's Fire Safety Burn House gave children a simulated fire emergency, while public safety personnel instructed children on what to do during this type of situation.



Camden County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) displayed squad cars and K9 units. Deputies were on hand answering questions, demonstrating k-9 handling techniques, and interacting with the kids in a fun environment. Camden County Search & Rescue also showed off one of their jewels, a 20-foot Boston Whaler equipped with side scan sonar technology used in the search for drowning victims, vehicles and various objects under water.

Kingsland Police Department displayed equipment for their special response team (SRT). Among officers on hand, they had an array of shields, vests, ladders, and other riot equipment on display for the kids to look at. Bicycle safety and internet safety coloring books were also given out.

Children got an inside look at the many different functions of law enforcement and how they serve and protect our community. Other displays included a medically equipped helicopter with Air Evac LifeTeam.

Volunteers painted the faces of over 100 children. HOPE Team member, Keri Moreland, said, "It was great to see so many kids come out and have a fun time at the Kid's Safety Day! They were all very patient while waiting their turns for face painting, and were very excited to see a butterfly, tiger or Spiderman in the mirror once they were done."

Caroline, the Pink Heals Fire Truck, was at the event to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. This effort raised more than \$600 towards breast cancer research. The Georgia Florida Blood Alliance also participated, collecting fourteen units of blood to help save lives. Smokey the Bear made an appearance that brought smiles to the faces of many children, while the Lil' BB King Blues Band rocked the event with the soulful sounds of the Blues, and the kids danced the day away.

Parents were not left out at this event. Parents could pick up free child fingerprinting kits, receive car seat checks by the Camden County Health Department to ensure their car seats are secured properly in their vehicles, as well as get information on services offered throughout our community at various exhibitor booths.

"We are very grateful to everyone who participated in this event and helped to make it a success, while also helping to raise money for Relay For Life 2011. We know that teaching children about safety, and community events such as this one, plays an important role in helping kids understand how to react in an emergency situation. It is important that kids have the opportunity to meet public safety personnel and see how they help keep our community and families safe on a daily basis!" said Katie Bishop, HOPE Team member.



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