Child Safety Advocate Awards Honor Indiana’s Best

On May 14th, Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program honored the efforts of those organizations and persons in Indiana who exhibit dedication to the prevention of injuries and deaths to Hoosier children by presenting them with a Child Safety Advocate Award.

There were eleven nominees this year, which included the following: Marilyn Cox, Riley Hospital; Dawn Daniels, Riley Hospital; Joe Dillon, Franklin Police Department; Senator Travis Holdman; Kira Hudson; Hollie Lambert, Safe Kids Elkhart County; David Morales, Warsaw Police Department; Wendy Nash, Memorial Children’s Hospital; Pilot Club of Jeffersonville; Charlie Vits, IMMI; and Lisa Wissman, Hamilton County SNAP.

The Automotive Safety Program and Safe Kids Indiana Executive Boards, along with representatives from ICJI, selected this year’s award recipients. It certainly was no easy task, given the caliber of the nominees. Dr. Joseph O’Neil, Co-Medical Director, and Autumn McNichols of Safe Kids Indiana, presented the five Child Safety Advocate Awards to the following individuals: Marilyn Cox, Joe Dillon, Senator Travis Holdman, Kira Hudson, and Charlie Vits. The Connie K. Gibbs Award was presented to Wendy Nash.

In addition, the Automotive Safety Program and Safe Kids Indiana presented the Partner in Advocacy Award to FedEx for their continued support of injury prevention initiatives in Indiana.

Congratulations to all of the award nominees and winners!

Award winners pose with Dr. Joseph O’Neil. Front row: Kira Hudson; Wendy Nash, Memorial Children’s Hospital. Back row: Dr. Joseph O’Neil; Joe Dillon, Franklin Police Department; Dan Fink, accepting on behalf of Marilyn Cox, Riley Hospital for Children; Charlie Vits, IMMI; and Senator Travis Holdman.
Making a Difference

I received an email from Sharon Hartwell, a long time certified child passenger safety technician who was considering giving up her certification.

The email stated that over the past few months she was reflecting on her life and trying to determine if the things that she has done really make a difference to herself and to her community. She was feeling somewhat overwhelmed; caring for an aging parent, a child with special health care needs, and continuing to work outside of the home. She continued to reflect on her life and remembered taking the NHTSA CPS training many years earlier. Sharon suffers from lupus and was struggling with some of the physical requirements of the class, but her instructor encouraged her to continue and assisted with getting the car seats installed tightly with her verbal instruction. She passed the class, which started her on the path that she has followed now for nearly fifteen years.

Sharon has maintained her certification and has continued to work in CPS. She is active in her community and coordinates the permanent fitting station at the hospital. She admits that there are times, in the midst of working clinics in all types of weather and a seemingly never-ending search for funding, she loses track of the “real” reason that she wanted to get involved in child passenger safety in the first place.

The day before Sharon sent me the email message, she was quickly reminded of why she chose to get involved, and stay involved! A family told the staff in the OB department that they needed a car seat for their newborn child. At the same time Sharon noticed that the newborn’s 14-month old sibling was in an infant seat with his head visibly over the top of the seat. As it turned out, the family had two more children that were travelling in seats with 5-point harnesses, in which they exceeded the maximum weight and height of the seats. The family could not afford new car seats, but Sharon was able to provide them with seats and educate them on proper use and installation. The parents had acknowledged that they needed a new car seat for their newborn infant, but had no idea that the other three children were not travelling safely.

Sharon continues by stating “I truly love what I do.” She decided not to let her certification lapse. She will continue to do this work for the same reason that she decided to get involved all of those years earlier; because she wants to make sure that the children in her community are safe!

Thank you, Sharon, and all other child passenger safety technicians. All of you are truly making a difference!

Our Street Name Has Changed!

Effective April, 2010 West Drive no longer exists on the I.U.P.U.I. campus. Our new address is: 575 Riley Hospital Drive, Room 004, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Our Phone and Fax Numbers Have Changed!

As of June 25, 2010 we have a new phone and fax number. Our new phone number is 317-944-2977. Our new fax number is 317-948-0399. Our toll-free number, 1-800-KID-N-CAR / 1-800-543-6227 (for Indiana residents) remains the same.
New Products

**Combi Kobuk Air-Thru™ Booster Seat**
- Child must be a minimum 3 years of age
- Fits children 33-125 pounds
- Height 33-57 inches
- Converts from a high back to backless booster
- Air-Thru™ vented shell allows hot air to escape and cool air to rush in
- Adjustable backrest
- Belt guides for vertical or horizontal seatbelt positioning
- Retail price $89.99
- [www.combi-intl.com](http://www.combi-intl.com)

**Cybex Solution X- fix High Back Booster Seat**
- Child must be a minimum 3 years of age
- Fits children 33-100 pounds
- Height 38-60 inches
- Reclining headrest
- Eleven backrest positions
- Rigid LATCH
- Retail price $199.99
- [http://cybex-online.com/site/us/](http://cybex-online.com/site/us/)

**Evenflo Momentum 65 Convertible Seat**
- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 20-65 pounds
- Infinite Slide Harness™
- Multiple position upfront recline
- SureLatch™ Connectors
- Advance E3 Triple-layer foam technology reduces side impact crash forces
- Retail price $179.99 – $199.99
- [www.evenflo.com](http://www.evenflo.com)
New Products (cont’)

Evenflo Triumph 65 Convertible Seat
- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 20-65 pounds
- Tension Right™ Adjustment System
- Infinite Slide Harness™
- Retail price $139.99
- www.evenflo.com

Learning Curve Compass Pathway Booster Seat
- Child must be 3-10 years of age
- Fits children 30-100 pounds
- Height 38-57”
- For use only as high back booster
- LATCH attachments
- Six-position adjustable “no gap” back
- Taller belt path to accommodate larger children
- Deep side wing protection
- Retail price $110.00
- www.learningcurve.com

Recaro ProRide Convertible Seat
- Rear-face from 5-35 pounds
- Forward face from 20-70 pounds
- Maximum height 50 inches
- No rethread harness
- Lock-offs for rear-facing and forward-facing
- Air ventilation system
- Retail price $279.99
- www.recarousa.com
New Products (cont’)

Recaro ProBooster Seat
- Fits children 30-120 pounds
- Maximum height 61 inches
- Quicklift head restraint
- Recline feature
- Air ventilation system
- Retail price $129.99
- www.recarousa.com

Recaro ProSport Combination Seat
- Harness mode fits children 20-90 pounds and 27-50” height
- Booster mode fits children 30-120 pounds and 37-59” height
- Air ventilation system
- Retail price $279.99
- www.recarousa.com

Recalls

There are no new recalls at this time.

Recalls can be checked by visiting NHTSA or UNC Highway Safety Research Center.

You may also sign up to receive email notifications of child restraint recalls from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by clicking here.
Mark Your Calendar

Child Passenger Safety Technician Refresher Course
July 30, 2010
Floyd Memorial Hospital - New Albany
No cost
Contact: Marnita Louzon, 800.543.6227
mlouzon@iupui.edu

August 13, 2010
Brownsburg Fire Territory - Brownsburg
No cost
Contact: Marnita Louzon, 800.543.6227
mlouzon@iupui.edu

September 23, 2010
St. Joseph Township Fire Department - Fort Wayne
No cost
Contact: Marnita Louzon, 800.543.6227
mlouzon@iupui.edu

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training
August 10-13, 2010 – LaPorte First Church of God,
LaPorte, IN
Cost - $75.00
Contact – Sue McLain, 219.363.6440
bucklemup@verizon.net

“Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs”
August 19-20, 2010
Riley Hospital – Indianapolis, IN
Contact: Jody Yoder, 800.755.0912
jodyoder@iupui.edu

6th Annual Kidz In Motion Conference
August 26-28, 2010
The Omni Fort Worth Hotel – Fort Worth, TX
National Conference Dedicated to Child Passenger Safety Professionals
www.kidzinmotion.org

CPS Week
September 19-25, 2010

National Seat Check Saturday
September 25, 2010

Lifesavers Conference
March 27-29, 2011
Phoenix Convention Center – Phoenix, AZ
National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities
www.lifesaversconference.org

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