International Walk to School Day was held on Wednesday, October 5th. Students from James B. Allison Elementary School in Speedway worked with volunteers from FedEx, Safe Kids Indiana, and the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership to safely cross the streets and practice good pedestrian safety habits while traveling to school. The children were provided with safety reflectors and goodie bags, courtesy of FedEx. The month-long celebration of Walk This Way was then extended to twelve classrooms at Pike Township Loving Care Program as well. Children received a copy of The Longest Shortcut to Grandma’s House and reflectors and played the new bean bag safety game. In total, over 800 children received crucial pedestrian safety lessons. They were then able to translate this education into a practical walking exercise conducted with all of the children. Thank you to the IMPD for assisting with traffic control throughout the entire month.
Traffic Safety Mini-Grant applications are now available. Chapters in good standing will be awarded grants based on their previous year’s activity. Grant amounts will range between $250 and $1,000. Applications can be found on the website [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org) and are due no later than March 31st. Apply today!

Safe Kids Indiana is looking for representatives from chapters and coalitions to serve on its Executive Board. Meetings are held quarterly at Riley Hospital for Children. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Autumn McNichols at 317.948.3218 or autmcnic@iupui.edu. Coordinators, please share this with your members as well. What a wonderful way to stay connected with injury prevention advocates from across the state.

Kids can suffer serious head injuries from sledding, and should always wear a helmet. When sledding, do not go down a hill head-first. Sit up, face forward, use a clear, safe path and make sure an adult is supervising. In addition, remember to inspect sleds regularly for worn, damaged or loose parts that could break or snag at high speeds. (Safe Kids USA)

Halloween 2010

Three hundred Halloween bags filled with safety devices, coloring books, stickers, and other fun items were distributed to children in Speedway the week before Halloween. The reflective trick-or-treat bags contained a clothing reflector, a blinking reflector, reflective shoelaces, and safety tips for children and adults. A special thank you to the Speedway Police Department and Speedway Fire Department, who assisted with the program.