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Pool Safety Kick Off Scheduled for May 6

Safe Kids and Cisney and O'Donnell Team up to Prevent Drownings

Huntingdon, PA (4/28/06) – Did you know that drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1-14 and the leading cause among children ages 1-4? Many of these injuries occur in home pools and spas. The theme for Safe Kids Week 2006, May 6-13th, is “Safe Pools for Safe Kids” to address this issue.

On Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Safe Kids of Huntingdon County is teaming up with Cisney & O'Donnell, Inc. to kick off Pool Safety Week at the Cisney & O'Donnell's pool store. The goal is to educate families on pool and spa safety with giveaways, refreshments and great prizes including pool safety alarms valued at \$150, water wings for kids and swim trainers. Refreshments will be provided.

Safe Kids Worldwide has outlined the following key measures to prevent drowning this spring and summer:

- ★ Parents should actively supervise children around water and have a phone nearby to call for help in an emergency.
- ★ Pool owners should ensure that their pool has a four-sided fence and self-closing, self-latching gate.
- ★ Pool & Hot tub owners should install a door alarm, window alarm or both to alert them if a child wanders into the pool area unsupervised.
- ★ Parents should warn their children about the dangers of drain entanglement and entrapment and teach them to stay away from the drain.
- ★ Pool & Hot tub owners should install protective measures to prevent entrapment.

For more information on this event or Safe Kids of Huntingdon County, contact the J.C. Blair Community Relations Department at 814-643-8833. Safe Kids of Huntingdon County is a collaboration of the Huntingdon County Healthy Communities Partnership. Member agencies include J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, PennDOT, Southern Alleghenies EMS Council, the American Red Cross and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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