



Safe Kids

Lowcountry

March 23, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am Yvonne Penfield, the Safe Kids Lowcountry, Coordinator, covering Beaufort, Hampton and Colleton County. When we started with Safe Kids fifteen years ago we only had Colleton County and very few people involved with safety issues with the exception of our led organization Colleton Medical Center. We have held a Safety Fair in Walterboro for the past 14 years and we cover every third grade student in Colleton County public and private schools.

I would like to say thank you to the Walterboro National Guard, who always allow us to hold this at the armory and has done so for the past 13 years. The National Guard has gone out of their way to make sure that we are allowed to use this to pack the bags on the Thursday before the large crowd on Friday and then Friday when we have the students come through all of the safety stations. This year we had 453 third grade students come in on Friday and enjoy everything from the importance of voting, recycling, fire & rescue safety, gun safety and many more. Of course a lot of the students really enjoy the electric city when the hot dog blows up showing them the importance of not putting your fingers into electric sockets. Then we are open to the public on Saturday so we cover all ages thanks to the help from the workers at the armory. Please understand that all of the people that work on this safety fair donate the time to do this for our children. A lot of them will take vacation days to be there and help and to me this is a community that cares.

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So on behalf of Safe Kids Lowcountry, we would like to say good job to all of those involved and thought it would be important to let them know the Governor of South Carolina is aware of one more project they are involved with and the help they give to the children of our community. We would also love to have you come and visit during the 2016 fair and enjoy the fun with the students and the adults.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention, I remain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne Penfield".

Yvonne Penfield, Safe Kids Lowcountry, Coordinator