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Community Partners:

We need your help to prevent violence in Hillsborough County!

Safe & Sound Hillsborough seeks your assistance in doing just that, working together to build strong families, safe schools and healthy neighborhoods. We believe it is critical to address all forms of violence as a public health issue. And the fact is that our community has a violence problem. The problem includes domestic violence, bullying, abuse affecting our most vulnerable children and seniors, and firearms in the hands of criminals who wish to do harm.

We work to solve the problems without pointing fingers at law enforcement, the courts, the schools, social service agencies, churches, parents, or the community. That’s because Safe & Sound Hillsborough is law enforcement, courts, schools, social services, churches, parents, and community members.

Established in 2013, the collaboration includes the mayors and police departments of Tampa, Plant City, and Temple Terrace; the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office; the School Board of Hillsborough County; the 13th Judicial Circuit Court; the State Attorney’s Office; the Public Defender’s Office; Hillsborough County government; the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County; the Health Department; the University of South Florida; and numerous agencies and faith-based organizations that do vital work in our community.

On May 4, 2019, Safe & Sound Hillsborough will host our 3rd annual Violence Prevention Conference, appropriately named SafeSummit’19 (www.SafeSummit19.com). Located at Middleton High School, this event will bring residents from all over Hillsborough County together with elected officials, community agencies, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, support services, private sector, community organizations, and faith-based leaders, with a focus on healing our communities and developing strategies and solutions to prevent violence in Hillsborough County. Components SafeSummit’19 include:

- SafeSummit’19 Workshops - Youth and Adult Workshops
- Youth Scholarships - awarded to area youth graduating from high school
- Community Builder Grant Awards –individuals highlighted for their efforts to promote safety within their communities will receive a community planning grant award
- Summits: Reentry Roundtable discussing employment strategies for ex-offenders;
Youth Summit to allow Hillsborough County teens and young adults to speak on issues related to them and how they feel they could contribute to solutions; Keeping Kids Safe as it Relates to Gun Violence, State of Public Health Summit that will address Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Domestic Violence and other issues that contribute to violence in our communities.

We cannot hope to have a great conference, bringing over 500 people together without the help of individuals and institutions like yours. We ask that you help us by being a sponsor of this inaugural event.

In doing so, your organization will be marketed as a Community Champion of Violence Prevention in all publications, radio and TV advertising, social media and events as listed in our sponsorship package sheet.

We look forward to your partnership and contribution.

Sincerely,

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