AGENDA

Meeting Type:	Public Hearing
Date:	03-20-1985

City of Charlotte, City Clerk's Office

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March 20, 1985

7:00 p.m. - Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The following requests to speak have been received:

2. 1) Ricky Hall, 1101 Skyview Road, 332-5292.

3. 2) Luciel McNeel, 426 N. Tryon St., 333-8552.

1. 3) Daisy Dixon, 3029 Roslyn Ave., (no phone).

~~4) Chief R. L. Blackwelder, Fire Department, 125 S. Davidson St., 336-2500.~~

4 5) Mrs. Rita Beck, 609 East 36th St., 376-3041.

5. 6) Reverend John Cook, 513 East 36th St., 377-1570.

7) Barbara Phillips, 2509 Beachmont Rd., 537-2405.

6 8) Jeri Gertzman, 6741 Folger Dr., 366-5326.

7. 9) Avery Kirkpatrick, 4820 Elder Ave., 525-7202.

8 10) Lucille Lynch, 609 Baldwin Ave., 377-2800.

11) Mary McLaughlin, 7290 Baldwin Ave., 334-2701.

9 12) Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis, 916 Westbrook Dr., 377-6125.

11 13) Linda Geiger, 715 Hawkins, 336-2688.

12 Bevelyn Sherrill, 2705 Baltimore Ave, 375-1417

13 Louise Sellars, 118 Martin St, 335-0642

10 Malachi Greene, 1000 Greenleaf, 375 3883

14 Angelita Taylor, 1320 N. Davidson St, 332-8732

15 Adelaide H Hunt,

We would like the city of Charlotte to purchase the Astor Theatre, herein called the First Church of the Last Chance, to be used as a rehabilitation center for the community and the city, offering Soup, Soap, and Hope to the disadvantaged, the homeless, and the destitute persons of Charlotte

Pastor - John Cook
Associate Pastor - Jerry L White
Board of Deacons -
William Johnson
Carl L Smith
Ozel O Dorn
Joe W Wilson

Musical Director
"Little Johnnie" Bengston
at the Keyboards
Robert Valliere
Paul Allen
Charles W Leland
Jessie Collins
member of the
Church

Soup, Soap and Hope

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE LAST CHANCE
(formerly Astor Adult Theater)
513 East 36th Street

REVEREND JOHN COOK
P O Box 5316
Charlotte N C 28225
(704) 377 1570

Church Services
Wed 7 30 P M
Sun 11 00 A M
7 30 P M

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Dorothea Carter, Secretary
430 Remount Road
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334-2512

March 18, 1985

TO: The Homorable Mayor, Council Persons and Staff:

RE: REID PARK ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to be here tonight to talk about our Community, Reid Park.

We have united together to chart a new direction for our Community. The stakes are high, but the benefits unlimited, therefore, the road to a successful community must be traveled by those with a vision of hope for the future.

We would like for you, The Mayor, and Council to consider the following for our neighborhood:

1. Make Reid Park a priority for improvements.
2. Sidewalks
3. Reduce Speed Limits
4. Street Lights
5. Pave undedicated streets (Farmer, Caronia, Hiram Streets)
6. Extend water and sewer lines (Morning Drive).
7. Rehab Program
8. Economic Development

We are grateful to you for all the help you will give us to make our Community a better, beautiful, and safer place for all our residents to dwell in.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Hall,
President, Reid Park Association
3133 Reid Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28208 (372-5465)

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NEWS

Charlotte

Gamble In Reid Park

By BOB SMITH
Charlotte News Associate Editor

Reid Park is a big, important gamble for everyone who pays taxes in the city of Charlotte. Taxes will be saved or crammed down the drain in places like Reid Park and there is no way of knowing, driving slowly along those slapdash back streets, which way it will go

Reid Park is like a friend gone a bit to seed. You know there is much that remains good in him, yet he isn't taking care of himself and that has begun to show in his face. He tries to fence out the ravages with an indifferent expression, but he does not succeed. In Reid Park, there are real fences around the two relatively new homes projects — Pon derosa and Pinecrest — as though to raise a curtain of wire against the decay lurking outside

Drive out West Boulevard and about one-half mile before you get to Old Steele Creek Road, that's Reid Park. The houses were built mostly prior to World War II. They are single-family, two or three bedroom, perhaps 75 per cent owner occupied

This last fact weighed heavily in the decision that has made Reid Park suddenly far more important than the sum of its parts

"We've got to have people who have a solid stake in their own community," explains William H Jamison, superintendent of the city's building inspection department. Under the Housing and Urban Redevelopment Act of 1965 the city, with the federal government as two-thirds partner, proposes to pump $1 million in improvements into Reid Park — street improvements, lighting, landscaping, and so forth. At the same time, through use of the minimum housing code, a concentrated effort will be made to upgrade the homes Homeowners in low income brackets will be eligible for individual grants up to $1,500 Others will be eligible for loans at three per cent interest Vernon Sawyer, the director of Charlotte's Redevelopment Commission, puts it bluntly. "We'll be asking these people to gamble a little that between us we can make their investment a good one"

Charlotte News Editorial Report

Reid Park would seem to be a good place to make such a gamble A "windshield survey" down any of the streets produces a typical impression of semi rural homes built a quarter century ago, gradually going down hill Yet the sense of contrast is painfully sharp On Hemp- [illegible] a battered gray on the front porch. A lawn here is juxtaposed against a red, ugly scar of land on which a rusted automobile lies on its side like a stricken creature "They just let the cars be wherever they quit," muses Jamison This, too, is somebody's front lawn.

On Ridge Avenue there is the same shock of contrast, neat houses and then bad ones and suddenly, like an oasis rearing out of a desert, a lawn and a garden with a promise for the spring Down in a hollow a battered old frame barely survives "That'll probably have to go," Jamison observed "What's wrong with the neighbors helping the old folks who live there find other lodging in the neighborhood?" There are not many homes in Reid Park that would be demolished, perhaps 25 or 30 of the 837 — exclusive of the homes projects — in the area.

The other surprise is space Reid Park is still much more a country crossroads than a city slum. There are acres of vacant space and the rolling hills suggest good elevations for building New duplexes have to be explained away in this fashion "The place is still growing," Jamison says.

What will happen now depends heavily on the people out there, and on the man chosen locally to direct the project, assuming it is approved by the federal government "He'll have to be a real good one," Jamison and Sawyer agree

Will the people of Reid Park become involved in such a project? If the city pours all this money into Reid Park, will it find a neighborhood willing to work and invest in its future or will the job of enforcing the housing code be balked at every point? That's the crucial question "If we have to work against the people or if they're apathetic, the project will fail," Jamison believes

The Rev M A Cochrane, Jr, pastor of the Amay James Presbyterian Church in Reid Park, believes that the people will help "They want to go along with the government. They think it's a fine idea"

Time will tell Eric Hill, consultant to the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission, visiting here yesterday, talked about the newness of the program "As far as I know only Birmingham, Ala, has submitted an application so far"

Charlotte has Reid Park surveyed and several other similar sections under the eye of planners If these projects take hold, a modest public investment can save millions of dollars in slum clearance money in the years ahead Otherwise the misery of human dislocation and the

MAR 1965

Slum Avoidance Important, Too

Clip Reid Park Arts

Preventing the development of a slum makes a lot more sense than waiting for one to develop, then having to tear it down.

In showing its enthusiasm for the proposed Reid Park project, Charlotte's City Council has not missed that point.

The project is now possible because of the 1965 federal legislation which set it up and provided the money It comes under the familiar federal formula, one-third local, two-thirds federal.

But it is more than that. There are more than 800 residential structures in 600-acre Reid Park. About half these homes fall short of Charlotte's minimum housing code in some respect.

The program would be designed primarily to bring all the homes in the area to minimum standards, at the least. Landscaping and street, sidewalk and other improvements would be made.

The most important change would be the improvements to the homes themselves Many of these would be made possible under low-interest, federally-backed loans available under the new program

The area, which is on both sides of West Boulevard near Douglas Airport, will be more than ever an entrance-way to the city as soon as the planned widening to four lanes of West Boulevard is completed.

Cost of the total effort would be slightly more than $1 million over a three-year period, with the city putting in $358,000 Credit for improvements for that part of West Boulevard which passes through Reid Park could cut the city's cash outlay considerably, which is one reason councilmen found the idea so attractive.

All the things being planned for Reid Park make sense.

Council Gets Dramatic New Slum Attack

NEWS
FEB 28 1966

By BILL NORLITT
News Staff Writer

A dramatic and new approach to slum clearance — one which involves city services, federal aid and the property owners themselves — will be tried in Charlotte's Reid Park area on West Blvd if the city council approves

The project would call for some $1 million in public money to rebuild streets, put in sidewalks and street lights, landscape the city street right-of-way land and enforce the city's minimum housing codes strictly

The dramatic aspect of the proposal outlined to the City Council today is that the property owners themselves would bear the major cost of renewing the area The city s minimum housing code would force them to fix up or tear down any substandard housing

As to the $1 million needed for the work, the 1965 Housing and Urban Development Act provides for as much as two-thirds of that in federal funds

THE SAME act provides for both low-cost Federal Housing Administration loans and low-percentage direct grants to the property owners who must improve their buildings

In addition, the federal government would pay the costs of relocating families displaced by enforcement of the minimum housing code

William H. Carstarphen, administrative aide in the city manager's office, outlined the new proposal to the City Council

He said the Reid Park section is on the borderline between slum and sound which could be saved without full-scale urban renewal, but in which prompt action must be taken to prevent further decay.

Reid Park lies on both sides of West Blvd. (which is slated to be a four-lane boulevard giving access to the city from Douglas Municipal Airport)

The basic area of unsound housing outlined to the council lies along Elmin St., Hemphill St and Westhampton Dr on the north side of West Blvd. and just east of Old Steel Creek Rd , and on the south side in a six-block area bordering Reid Ave

There are 837 residential units in the area, with half (410) in need of major repair work

Of the total only 25 need to be torn down the council learned

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Census Tract 37
28.3%
unemployment rate

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the Gethsemane Enrichment Program and for your consideration.

Few plants can grow in the dark and neither can children. Yet, many of them struggle day after day, groping around, trying to survive in their dark worlds of too little food, too few clothes, too little or no attention, too little love and almost no hope for the future.

These are the reasons the Gethsemane Enrichment Program was founded 10 years ago...to bring light into that darkness by developing positive attitudes, positive self-images and creating academic achievers. Youths from many of the impoverished areas of our city: West Boulevard, Dalton Village, Five Points, Grier Heights and Third Ward have been granted a new vision. They have been lifted from despair to hope, from failure to success, from sorrow to joy and have acquired an ardent desire to succeed and participate in the mainstream of our society.

For this we are truly grateful to the Mayor and the city council for having the foresight to respond affirmatively to our request for funcing The result of your positive response has manifested itself in the past and continues to do so today, in the enrichment of the lives of many youths and their parents as coping and survival skills have been significantly elevated.

According to teachers in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, students enrolled in the Gethsemane Enrichment Program are more responsive, strive more diligently and exhibit greater self-confidence and self-esteem. These teachers state that their test scores have shown

marked improvement and their attendance has improved by more than 75%.

School systems and concerned citizens thoughout the state have found our program phenomenal. They have sought our advice and counsel...and in many cases, tried to emulate us...but ours is a unique entity in that it stands on its own merit and success.

Programs such as ours are successful because of the unrelenting committment and dedication to lighting the way for our future generation's footsteps on the sands of time. The psycological, intellectual and social impact that our program has had and will continue to have upon the lives of disadvantaged youths and their parents in the city of Charlotte will pay many dividends on human lives for many years to come.

Youths are the hopes of tomorrow, the conquerers of dreams...the faith in whom we place the future of the world for we know that whatever they can perceive...they can achieve.

Therefore our task is great, but the investment is even greater...and $400,000 is precious little to ask for a program designed to improve the lives of 350 students and their parents who are plagued with poverty and despair.

The Mayor and City Council are to be commended for their wisdom, leadership and vision for underpriviledged young people of the city of Charlotte..but how do we prioritze the needs in the lives of young people? There's only one way...we do so by investing in their future... an investment that can only multiply as it yields high dividends in the

quality of life.

Winston Churchill said March 21, 1943 that, "There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies"...and the Gethsemane Enrichment Program agrees...for if we nurture and continue to be a guiding light to these, our youths...our hopes for mankind... we will be all the richer.

We prayfully ask that you will continue to support the Gethsemane Enrichment Program for all of our futures lie in investing in our youths

March 20, 1985

Adelaide H. Hunt
Program Director
Gethsemane Enrichment Program

Grier Heights Community Improvement Organization
Request For
Community Development Block Grant Activity

(Fiscal Year 86)

Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, my name is Avery Kirkpatrick, President of the Grier Heights Improvement Organization (GHIO). For the past 10 years our community has undergone extensive housing revitalization, major improvements to streets, up-grading of parks, and our residents being the recipients of various human service programs that have benefited both our young and old.

We have enjoyed our relationships with the Community Development staff and other City departments.

As one of the original neighborhoods designated for Community Development Block Grant Fund at the beginning of the program, we appear before you again this evening to request that our community be considered for Fiscal Year 86 funding also.

We request through the Rehabilitation Program for the Grier Heights Community. A plan for Heflin Street, and the 400 to 440 block of Orange Street be devised to improve the housing conditions in this area. We recognize and understand that these housing units are absentee owned, but hopefully a plan to provide low interest loans to the property owners can be developed so extensive renovation might be performed on them.

We request the Community Development Economic Development Division work with our local Development Corporation on the feasibility of Adding additional retail space to our local shopping center. This addition should provide convenient shopping opportunities for our senior citizens and jobs for our residents.

Although major street improvements have been completed in our community, there still remains one of our major streets that is in need of curb, gutter and sidewalks. We request Orange Street be improved with curb, gutter and sidewalks.

If the Rehabilitation and Occupancy of Villa Courts Apartments is not planned for the foreseeable future, We request demolition of these units and clearance of the area for single family housing.

Those properties owned by the city in our neighborhood, We request a developer of single family housing be consulted with ~~one~~ Any possibly developing single family housing in our community.

We do have concerns and problems we will be bringing to the attention of the Utility, Police and Park & Recreation Departments and would like for Community Development to follow-up on these concerns for us.

To all you present, we extend an invitation to our Installation of Community Organization Officers and Annual Homecoming.

GIRL SCOUTS

Hornets Nest
Girl Scout Council
7007 Idlewild Road
Charlotte NC 28212 5798
(704) 537 7974

March 20, 1985

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Honorable Harvey B. Gantt
Mayor of Charlotte
and
Members of Charlotte City Council
Charlotte, NC 28202

Subject. Proposal for Funding for the Children's Safety Haven Program

We request the following

$4,000	for Safety Haven Watch Signs for communities where 10% of the residents are certified Safety Havens
$ 600	to cover the cost of dispositions (at $5 00 per request) paid to the state of North Carolina after arrest records are reviewed in the screening process of each Safety Haven.
$1800	for four separate educational handouts given to 32,000 children each school year to reinforce this crime prevention program
$6400	spent on direct educational services to children in the state of North Carolina.

We appreciate your time in this matter and encourage you to read the yellow brochure which will explain our crime prevention program.

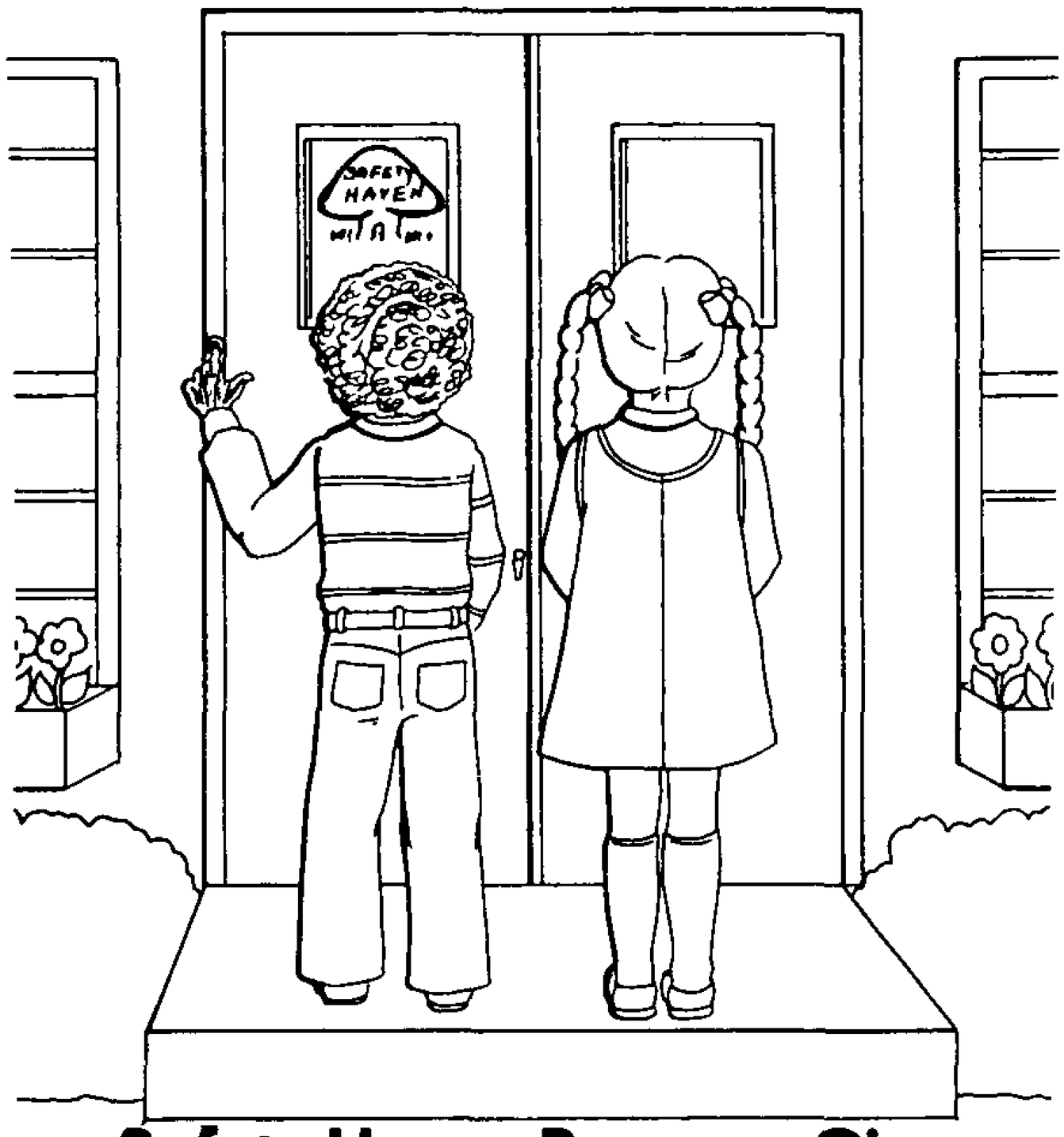
A copy of the detailed manual, used by school chairpersons, is in the hands of your clerk.

Requested by,

Jeri Gertzman

Jeri Gertzman
Girl Scout Chairperson
for Safety Haven Program

SAFETY HAVEN PROGRAM



Safety Haven Program Gives Kids Place To Get Help

GIRL SCOUTS

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THE HORNETS' NEST GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL
and
THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COUNCIL OF PTAS

SAFETY HAVEN

A CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Seven years ago, the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council joined with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTAs to address the problem of "crimes against children". Two major volunteer organizations serving youth came together to provide a service to children. This pilot project known as SAFETY HAVEN is solidly established in Mecklenburg County and has spread to a number of other counties in the state of North Carolina.

SAFETY HAVEN is a four phase program consisting of:

1. SAFETY HAVENS (usually homes, but can be businesses and public buildings where children can seek emergency assistance from the bandaging of a skinned knee to shelter from an abductor.
   a. The volunteer who comes in contact with the child at the SAFETY HAVEN has been screened by local police to insure good character. In addition, every member of a volunteer's family over age 16 is checked.
   b. All certified volunteers display, behind glass, the SAFETY HAVEN logo in a place clearly visable to the children. Locations in rural areas display newspaper/mail box sticker logos as well as the window logo.
   c. All volunteers receive a printed job description.

2. EDUCATION OF CHILDREN
   a. A variety of educational materials is used by volunteers in the schools to teach the children personal security and general safety rules.
   b. At least two educational programs a year are mandatory, although many more are available and are encouraged. Reinforcement is the key to education of any kind.

3. EDUCATION OF PARENTS
   a. Printed materials are distributed at PTA meetings to assist parents in teaching security to their children.
   b. Films and speakers are available for parent groups.

4. COMMUNITY AWARENESS
   a. Through the media, the general public is reminded of the need to protect children.
   b. Abductors or molesters are made aware that the community's children are being watched.
   c. The public is made aware of pending legislation and governmental decisions that affect the welfare of our children.

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FUNDING: This service is offered FREE to all children and teens. No taxpayers money is used. No one receives a salary. The program is volunteer. Major funding comes from the co-sponsoring organizations and supplemental gifts of services, information, and financial contributions are welcomed from community businesses and organizations.

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The goal of SAFETY HAVEN is to deter crimes against children and provide a climate of physical and emotional security for them.

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Safe, happy, secure children are one step ahead in being prepared to absorb the academic education provided by our schools.

Just as Neighborhood Watch protects your homes and your material valuables,

..... SAFETY HAVEN PROTECTS YOUR CHILDREN .....

SAFETY HAVEN is endorsed by school boards and local governments in participating counties as well as the NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS and the GIRL SCOUT COUNCILS OF NORTH CAROLINA. It receives supportive services from local Police Departments, United Way Agencies, and the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The Governor's Task Force on Missing Children has recommended SAFETY HAVEN as a state-wide program and printed material is available through the State Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

To receive additional information, contact:

County Co-Chairmen:

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6741 Folger Drive
Charlotte, N. C.
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President, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTAs:
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Program Director, Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council:
Mrs. Myra Burris
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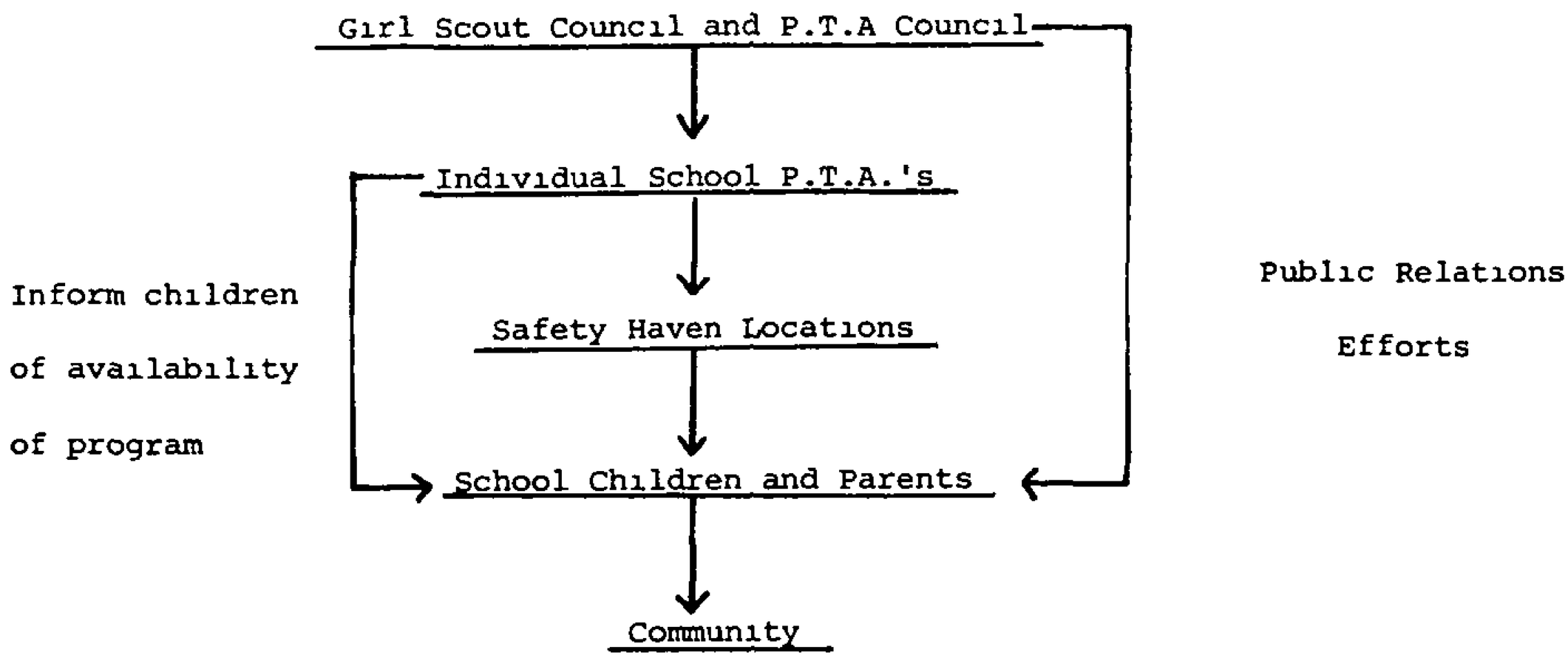
Should your School Board or Superintendant of Schools wish a reference to the validity and effectiveness of this program, contact:
Dr. Chris Folk
Associate Superintendant
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
P.O. Box 30035
Charlotte, N. C. 28230
704-379-7000

For information regarding reproduction of the SAFETY HAVEN LOGO, contact Jeri Gertzman or Betty Collins at the above addresses. It cannot be reproduced for use in another community without written request or their written approval.

Flow of Responsibility

for SAFETY HAVEN



Dedicated to children with love and respect - Jeri Gertzman and Betty Collins

The Safety Haven Program is the result of original work developed by the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council (Jeri Gertzman, Chairman) and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTA's (Betty Collins, Chairman). The Chairmen wish to acknowledge with appreciation the technical advice of.

the Charlotte Police Department - Jim Howlett, Sgt. Pete Toomey, Sgt. Rudy Torrence;
the Mecklenburg County Police Department - Sgt. Glen Mowery;
the Administrative Staff of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System - Dr. Chris Folk, Director of Communications, Joe Green, Safety Director, Dr. Pat Ashley, Director of Student Services;
and Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council - Myra G. Burris, Director of Program.

This program is to be used to best serve the interests of children and not for profit or personal gain.

SAFETY HAVEN CHAIRMAN'S JOB DESCRIPTION

1 Locate homes and businesses in your school's area that car be used as 'SAFETY HAVENS " Consider obtaining locations where children tend to congregate when school is not in session, such as parks, school playgrounds, and shopping centers.

2. Use Form "D" and have your school make copies of both sides of the form (Pages 6,7) Send a copy of Form "D' home with every child enrolled in your school. (You may wish to run extra copies to use when new students enter school throughout the year, for kindergarten orientation day in the spring, and when you have a large gathering of parents such as at PTA meetings You may also wish to have them available when you solicit businesses or members of your community who are not parents in your school.)
NOTE We suggest that you avoid sending Form 'D" home on a Friday We recommend that it be given to the students on Tuesday and request that it be returned by Friday of the same week You can type preferred dates on the Form 'D" copy before it is run off

3. When Forms "D" are returned to you, mail them to
In Mecklenburg County Betty Collins
7121 Lancer Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226

All Other Counties See Appendix

Postage for mailings should be charged to your PTA Unit
NOTE If you are a chairman only and not serving as a Safety Haven volunteer, you too must be screened All individuals who handle Safety Haven logos must be screened by the Police Department.

4. After the Character Check (Form "D") has been certified, all materials for your volunteers will be individually packaged and delivered to your school
NOTE At this time, please discuss the list of potential volunteers with your school's Principal (or his appointee) to confirm the volunteer's character before you distribute the logos and the other materials in the packet Your school's principal may have information that would disqualify a volunteer even though a police check appeared clear DO NOT ask the principal for reasons if he disqualifies a potential volunteer. This is not a matter for discussion

5 If your school disqualifies an applicant, after the applicant has been cleared by the police, please mark the Character Check (Form "D") clearly that it has been disqualified and send it to your County Chairman
In Mecklenburg County Jeri Gertzman
6741 Folger Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226

All Other Counties See Appendix

You, as School Chairman, should not keep a record of anyone that has been disqualified

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6. Distribution of packets to volunteers BEFORE you distribute materials to your volunteers, number the back of each logo and record that number assigned to that volunteer's logo on the volunteer's Character Check (Form D") so that you will have a permanent record of your logos Have your school laminate the logos after a number has been assigned and recorded before you distribute them

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION

A. Hold a coffee at school and ask volunteers to attend. This is a good time to go over the Volunteer's Job Description and to discuss the concerns of the various neighborhoods your school serves
B Meet volunteers at the school (perhaps in the cafeteria or library) at an appointed day and time frame of hours and distribute materials
C. Pick up materials at the school and ask volunteers to pick them up at your home during certain hours on an appointed date.
D Send the materials home, packaged, and securely enclosed in a bag, with the volunteer's child Call the volunteer at home to verify that the child did deliver the materials

NOTE A, B, and C are the preferred methods

7. Keep Form "D" in a file for your records.

8. Education of Students

A. Instruct children of the existence and uses of Safety Havens by using the 5 minute video tape, THE SAFETY HAVEN STORY In Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, the film may be obtained by your school's Media Specialist ordering Tape #363-11-0006 from the system's media center. In all other counties, contact your County Safety Haven Chairman. See Appendix

B At the time you show THE SAFETY HAVEN STORY, distribute the educational handout that we provide (free of charge) to each student enrolled in your school. To obtain handouts, check student enrollment with the school secretary and phone in total amount needed. Please place your order one week in advance. To order. In Mecklenburg County, call Jeri Gertzman at 366-5326. All Other Counties, see Appendix

C. At each program you conduct, whether you, your committee, or the teacher conducts it, it is essential that you reinforce some particular safety instructions to your students These instructions can be covered in a discussion with students during or after each program. They can be found on pages 11, 12, and 13 of this booklet. They are important as not all of the materials we provide to you cover every single area of safety DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE THEM.

D The 5 minute video film and the educational handout mentioned in "B" above are the absolute minimum a Chairman can do The security of children takes constant reinforcement For your convenience, additional safety programs, skits, ideas, films, and resource people are listed on pages 14, 15, 16, and 17 AND we strongly encourage you or your school to implement at least one other program during the school year It is especially important to do something in late spring to prepare the children for summer The more reinforcement of Safety Haven, the better protected your children will be.

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9 After your Havens are established, ask your school to send a list of Haven locations home with each student for that student's neighborhood Put a note on the list of addresses asking the parent/guardian to point out the locations to their child in advance, so that the child will know where the locations are if an emergency arises.

To organize these lists, simply sort the Forms 'D' into bus routes and give each child and the Bus Driver the list of addresses on that particular bus route (that will be a neighborhood). All of those not on buses will receive the "walkers" list Your school secretary will be able to give you the number of copies necessary for each bus and the number of copies necessary for the walkers

10. By January, inform your school's PTA President that you have certificates of appreciation that you would like to present at a school function that honors volunteers If you do not have a special function, you may wish to do this at a General PTA Meeting Either you or the President may present the certificates You are to fill in the names on the certificates and make sure that all volunteers are invited, including those who do not have children in your school For example business locations or neighborhood citizens' locations

In the event a volunteer does not attend, and that volunteer has a child in the school, wrap the certificate in wax paper (to keep it clean) and send it home with the volunteer's child. If the volunteer does not have a child in the school, either mail it using PTA postage or hand deliver it. Only those volunteers registering during the present school year receive a certificate Others who have registered previously should have already received a certificate You or your PTA President may wish to recognize those registering previously by asking them to stand as a group or mention them individually, even though they will not be receiving a certificate this year. The School's Chairman (YOU) will receive a certificate at a separate event These certificates are different from the volunteers' certificates. Do not include your name in the total number you order for your volunteers. In Mecklenburg County, the School Chairmen will receive an invitation to attend a recognitions reception to be held in May

To order volunteers' certificates (1 for each volunteer registered during this school year) Phone total amount needed one week in advance to
In Mecklenburg County Jeri Gertzman - 366-5326
All Other Counties See Appendix

11 In May, contact your school's Safety Haven volunteers (you will have a record from Forms "D" in your files) If the volunteer does not plan to repeat the service (for any reason) for the next school year, make certain the logo is returned to your school or to you We must keep a check on logos If volunteers plan to continue for the next school year, the volunteer retains possession of the logo Please encourage them to display the logo over the summer and to provide the Safety Haven Service to the children whenever possible

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12 In Mecklenburg County, the PTA and Girl Scout Councils jointly present a "Safety Award" at the PTA Council Banquet. (We encourage all counties to provide a similar award) The form, listing the requirements, is attached to this booklet Please discuss this award with your principal and PTA/PTO President Please complete the application on time and submit to the PTA Council ---------*AND*---------*GOOD LUCK!*

13. Reporting

A. The Safety Haven volunteer reports all serious matters to you Please report these matters to your school principal This includes bullying of children, extortion of lunch money, threats, assaults, abductions (including custodial), attempted abductions, surveillance of students by outsiders (electronic, photographic, or other), and serious accidents.

B. Please read the Volunteer's Job Description and make certain that all matters reported to you have already been reported to proper authorities by the volunteer. If the volunteer failed to report as instructed, you must make the report and remind the volunteer to properly report in the future This is important!!

C. In Mecklenburg County, you may also wish to inform the Safety Haven Chairman of your school's paired/feeder school of serious incidents as the same neighborhoods will be involved. Remember, report incidents, not victims' names, and also use good judgement regarding gossip

14 Phone Committee

A Please organize a plan of contacting your school's volunteers One easy way is to select some of your volunteers from each neighborhood your school serves and provide those volunteers with a certain number of names and volunteers to contact. This committee will be needed for emergency reporting and for contacting volunteers in May (see #11 on your job description) Please organize this phone committee in advance as emergency reporting happens without warning!

B. In the event a child is missing, we may call upon you to contact your school's volunteers so that all areas of one or more counties can be alerted to a "Special Child Watch" at the same time If this occurs, County Chairmen will follow exact instructions given by the police (you will be expected along with your volunteers to do the same), and relay this information to you. You are to relay information to your volunteers including and paying particular attention to the instructions from the police. We do not act without instruction from the police!

YOU are the first line of defense in this Crime Prevention Program. YOUR acceptance of this responsibility is important as YOUR volunteers will reflect YOUR attitude. YOU are in a position of using good judgement and discretion in all the work you do for SAFETY HAVEN.

THANK YOU for making the child's world a safer place by reaching out to your community and reaching out to others and by giving from the heart!

SUPPLEMENT "D'

WE CARE

TO THE PARENTS OF _____SCHOOL CHILDREN

We are in the process of getting our SAFETY HAVEN Program organized for the current school year, and we need you to participate SAFETY HAVEN now operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Any hours, morning _____, afternoon _____, night _____, weekends _____, (Please check your choice) that you can donate will be appreciated Unfortunately child abductors don't keep regular hours, and therefore a child might need emergency help at any time'

SAFETY HAVEN is co-sponsored by PTA (and in some counties PTO) and Girl Scout Councils. The program is endorsed by school boards, local governments, and the North Carolina State PTA. This service project is to prevent crimes against children and to offer emergency help It is not a babysitting service. Frightening events, minor mishaps, and harm can happen to children in all economic, geographic, and social environments. Your participation in this program can help to prevent these occurences

Your job requires that
1. You have a telephone
2 You have good character

Your job is
1. To call 911 or your local emergency number in case of
   a. Serious accident or injury to a child
   b. Physical threat or actual assault upon a child
2. Report children out of school during regular school hours
3. Report cars speeding in your neighborhood.
4 Provide help to bus drivers if needed.
5. Try to handle all situations without taking the child into your home

ALL SAFETY HAVEN locations are approved Each applicant is checked by the Police Sometimes an applicant is refused by error If this happens to you, you have the right to discuss the matter with the COUNTY SAFETY HAVEN CHAIRMAN, whose number you can obtain from your school's chairman.

SPECIAL NOTE If you have registered as a SAFETY HAVEN volunteer within the past 5 years, and you presently have a logo, there is no need to re-register If you are a new applicant, or you registered more than 5 years ago, please fill out the reverse side of this letter and return it to your child's teacher by_____ If your application is approved, you will be contacted and will receive more detailed information and materials

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT SAFETY HAVEN For information about SAFETY HAVEN, call "DOLLY" (704)373-6400 and ask for Tape #662 DOLLY is a service providing taped information on various subjects of importance to the community and is sponsored by Central Piedmont Community College

THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT CHILDREN' THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR SAFETY HAVEN'

GIRL SCOUTS

(OVER)

PTA

SUPPLEMENT "D"

SAFETY HAVEN APPLICATION

Please Print

NAME _____ _____ _____ _____
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

ADDRESS _____ _____
(Number, Street, Apartment Number) (City, State, and Zip Code)

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING AT PRESENT ADDRESS _____

NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING IN PRESENT COUNTY _____
(If less than 5 years in present county, please give former address including street, city, and state _____

OTHERS IN HOUSEHOLD OVER AGE 16 (including Husband/Wife)

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

_____ NEW APPLICATION _____ REAPPLYING AFTER 5 YEAR PERIOD

CHILD'S NAME _____ GRADE _____ TEACHER _____

SCHOOL _____ BUS NUMBER _____

IF APPROVED (PLEASE CHECK EITHER "YES" OR "NO")

Yes No

☐ ☐ My window logo will be visible from the street/sidewalk

☐ ☐ I have curbside mail or newspaper box for street delivery and will place a decal on it.

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING I agree to be a SAFETY HAVEN volunteer for (Please give name of school) _____. I am aware of the important position and service that I am giving. I have agreed to furnish the above information to reassure the community that I am responsible and that I have good character. I realize my application will be screened by the Police If approved, I will be given a printed job description which I will follow so that I may fulfill my responsibilities as a SAFETY HAVEN volunteer

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR CHAIRMAN'S USE ONLY

LOGO NUMBER _____ DATE ISSUED _____

SAFETY HAVEN VOLUNTEER'S JOB DESCRIPTION

I Logo and/or Decal Instructions

A Place your LOGO in the most visible window (that can be seen from the street) inside your glass You can also place it in a door

B If you move, or if you are no longer able to provide this service, your LOGO must be returned to your school You are to notify your Chairman that the LOGO is being returned to your school

C Your Chairman's name is _____ and phone number is _____

D If you return your window logo and if you also have a mail/news box decal, please peel off the decal and discard it It will peel off in shreds, not in one solid piece.

E The above directions are MOST IMPORTANT' A strict accounting of the logos and their locations is kept by your school's chairman Safety Haven operates in many counties throughout the state of North Carolina, and one misplaced logo that falls into the wrong hands could endanger the life of every child in this state. If logos are misplaced, a state-wide recall will be made involving notification to various law enforcement agencies and public service announcements by the various types of media PLEASE GUARD YOUR LOGO AND TREAT IT WITH RESPECT

II Reporting of Serious Incidents

A. You are to report all suspicious incidents to the Police

B Extreme emergencies, including custodial kidnapping, should be reported to 911 in counties that have the 911 service Other counties should report to the proper number designated by their county

C. Exhibitionists, threats to a child, and assaults should be reported to the Police at the non-emergency number, not 911. Record your non-emergency number on the last page of these instructions.

D. All items reported to the Police (non-emergency or 911) must be reported to your school's Chairman. Your Chairman reports to the school Principal An orderly reporting system is important as

1 The first step insures the involved child's safety (notification to Police)

2 The second step insures that all children in your area are warned (through your school Chairman and Principal) and therefore protected

NOTE You are not to become involved in any physical or verbal actions with anyone involved in an incident. You can further endanger the child as well as yourself.

III. Other Reporting Duties

A. If you observe children out of school during regular school hours, report this to the school's Secretary

B. If you are informed that a child has missed the bus, and the child's parent or guardian cannot be contacted, call the child's school

C If a school bus driver reports problems, call the number the driver gives you

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IV Services

A Try to handle all situations without taking the child into your home Common sense is the guideline This is for your protection as well as that of the child

B Older children and teens are aware that Safety Haven service is available to them. For teens, it is not even necessary for you to open your door The teens have been instructed to tell you they need a telephone call made and will give you the information without your having to open the door. You are

1 To make the call (usually it will be to a parent, car service station, 911 or the Police non-emergency number), give the address of your home so that help can be sent to the correct location.

2 If it is night, tell the teen to stay on your front steps so that the party you called for him/her can locate them quickly Please turn on your outside lights. You may wish to keep a check on them until help arrives.

C. Only simple first aid may be administered Girl Scouts have made and donated a first aid kit for this purpose. Do not give any medication that is to be taken internally, such as aspirin, nosedrops, eyedrops

NOTE The Greater Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross has provided you with first aid information If you wish to learn more, call your Red Cross Chapter's office.

D. If you are able to give this service during school vacation time, please do The children have been taught in school that you are not a babysitter, you will not feed them, and you will not give them medicine At all times, you will try to protect them and assist them in emergency situations The children have expressed sincere appreciation for what you are doing. It is worth noting that in addition to the actual assistance you give, you are providing them emotional security so they can go to school and play in their own neighborhoods with less fear. Unfortunately, children have learned of terrible actions by adults and they are frightened, even in their own neighborhoods. Your being there and your displaying the Safety Haven Logo comforts them.

V Actions

A. If a child reports an attempted or actual assault to you, you must remain calm and do the following

1. If it is not a life threatening emergency, call the child's parents before calling the Police non-emergency number.

EXCEPTION Custodial kidnapping attempt by non-custodial parent - then call 911 or Police non-emergency number immediately

B Listen to what the child says

C. Accept what the child says as the truth

D Remember what the child told you and inform the child's parents/guardians and/or the Police You may wish to write down facts, especially descriptions of people, cars, and license tag numbers

E. While waiting for the Police and parents, comfort the child

F. Remember to report the incident to your school's Safety Haven Chairman

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G. Do not discuss any child's name with anyone. The incident, not the child's name, is to be reported. You must protect the child's right to privacy. If the incident is of public interest, the parents or Police will make statements to the media. If an incident of public interest occurs, you will most likely be contacted by a reporter from the news media. Please use the most utmost discretion in talking with them. Please share information with them only with the parents' permission and the advice of the Police, if necessary.

The success of Safety Haven (a community network of watching and assisting children) depends on YOU. The best news is that no child needs to call on YOU. THIS MEANS EACH OF YOU ARE DOING YOUR PART AND DOING IT WELL AND ARE PREVENTING CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

THE PTA COUNCIL, PTO'S, AND HORNETS' NEST GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL SINCERELY THANK YOU - AND MOST ESPECIALLY, THE CHILDREN THANK YOU

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS YOU SHOULD HAVE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY POLICE EMERGENCY - 911

Police non-emergency - _____

School._____

School Safety Haven Chairman _____

ALL OTHER COUNTIES Contact your Chairman and record those for your county.

SAFETY HAVEN POINTS ALL CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW

SPECIAL NOTE TO SCHOOL CHAIRMEN The materials that you use in your educational programs for the children will not cover all of the Safety Points the children should know Some will cover certain points, some will cover others Whenever you do a program at your school, whether you do it, a staff member does it, or a School Police Resource Officer conducts it, be certain to cover all of the points listed below A discussion after a program is a good way to incorporate them or you may wish to send the list home (after discussion) and ask parents to reinforce these important points REMEMBER REINFORCEMENT IS THE BEST WAY TO TEACH THE CHILDREN HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES!

TELL THE CHILDREN

1 LEARN your FULL name and FULL address (street number, city, state, and Zip Code)

2. LEARN to DIAL 911 It is for extreme emergencies only Use it when you can't get other help or when you are in serious trouble You may use it from any kind of phone, a regular phone or a pay phone It is FREE - YOU WILL NOT NEED MONEY! Tell the person who answers "I am a child and I need help immediately!" DO NOT HANG UP THE PHONE UNTIL HELP COMES, even if you can't keep talking LEAVE THE PHONE OFF THE HOOK! IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, IT DOESN'T MATTER, THE POLICE WILL FIND YOU If you feel like you are far away from home, like in another city and 911 doesn't work, DIAL "0" You will get help, just don't hang up the phone.

NOTE In counties other than Mecklenburg, those that do not have 911, educate your children to the use of "0" for Operator, using these same instructions

3. LEARN your PHONE number and AREA CODE so that when help comes, the help can locate your family quickly for you

4. LEARN your parents/guardians FULL NAMES. It is especially important if your parents' or guardians' last name is different from yours

5 NEVER get into ANYONE'S car without your parents' permission If an adult in a car asks you for directions, STEP WAY BACK from the car, and tell the person to ask another ADULT for directions.

6 NEVER tell anyone over the phone that you are at home alone

7. If you are home alone, DO NOT open the door for ANYONE, unless your parents/guardians tell you BEFORE they leave that someone is expected and give you the name of the person who is expected so you can find out who is at your door

8. NO ONE, including a relative or friend of your family has the right to touch you, especially the private parts of your body that are covered by your swim suit TELL THEM NO! **If any other person asks you to touch the private parts parts of their body, Say "NO", Get Away, and Tell Someone. Remember CONTACT - A - FRIEND IS THERE (333-6121) to help if you don't know who to tell.**

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9 If an adult asks you to keep a secret, immediately tell your parents, a trusted friend, or relative, or a Safety Haven Volunteer ADULTS DO NOT KEEP SECRETS WITH CHILDREN Tney keep secrets with other adults

10 If an adult asks you for help, immediately go and get another adult that you really trust to help instead of helping yourself ADULTS HELP OTHER ADULTS CHILDREN DO NOT HELP ADULTS!

11. PLAY AND TRAVEL in groups. It is safer and more fun than playing alone.

12 If you are separated from your parents/guardians while in a store or shopping center, either go to a Safety Haven location in the shopping center or go to a person at the cash register and ask for help. DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING WITH ANYONE Your parents/guardians will be called to meet you inside the store

13 DO NOT PLAY in out-of-the-way places like wooded areas, empty buildings, or homes, or construction sites. PLAY OUT IN THE OPEN where lots of other people can see you.

14. DO NOT GO ANYWHERE WITH ANYONE, including your friends without telling your parents/guardians BEFORE you leave DO TELL your parents/guardians three things before you leave

1. WHO you are going with
2. WHERE you are going
3. WHEN you will be back home

If you cannot tell your parents/guardians all three things before you go, then you MUST NOT GO.

15. NEVER go into ANYONE'S home without your parents/guardians permission

16. DO NOT accept gifts, treats, candy, money, or rides (even on a mini-bike, motorcycle, or bike) from ANYONE without asking your parents/guardians permission BEFORE you accept IMMEDIATELY get away from the person who makes this offer and GO AND TELL your parents/guardians or a Safety Haven Volunteer Try to remember what this person looked like, kind of car, license number if you can. ANYONE means MEN, WOMEN, TEENAGERS, AND IT MEANS CHILDREN THAT YOU HAVE NOT PLAYED WITH OR SEEN BEFORE.

17. If you need help and cannot get to your home quickly and safely, go to a Safety Haven

18. If you need help that cannot wait, even for a few minutes, and you cannot get to your home or a Safety Haven, GO to the NEAREST home and while you WAIT OUTSIDE, ask the adult to call your parents/ guardians or the Police. You are to wait outside even if it is raining and even if you are cold YOU ARE NOT to go in to make the phone call even if the adult asks you to You ask the adult to make the call for you.

19 If someone takes you away from your family, no matter what the reason the person gives you for taking you, you are to call home and check with your parents when you get the chance and without making the person angry The person may be lieing to you. LEARN where you are calling from, the address and/or the phone number.

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If you feel like you are far away, listen to the TV or radio or read newspapers or signs to tell what city you are in If you are especially frightened, call 911 or "0 " REMEMBER TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU ARE AND DO NOT MAKE THE PERSON ANGRY!

20 Most grown-ups are nice people and like children and try to help children, BUT a few grown-ups are not nice and since you cannot tell good ones from bad ones by the way they look and act, it is important that you learn and remember all of these Safety Haven rules

STRANGERS CAN BE WOMEN, TEENAGERS, OTHER CHILDREN, PEOPLE IN UNIFORMS, PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS STRANGERS CAN BE JUST ANYBODY!

NOTE TO CHAIRMEN We know this is a lot of information to get across to the children Perhaps you would want to set up with the principal 'SAFETY HAVEN TIP OF THE WEEK" and ask him/her to carefully cover one area of this list every week over the school intercom Use your imagination as to how you want to get these points across to the children. It is important that they LEARN them. If you discover additional tips for the children, please let us know You come in direct contact with the children and have the opportunity to learn from them We always welcome your ideas and suggestions

SAFETY HAVEN OFFERS SAFETY TIPS

1 Strangers are not the only people who may molest a child People in positions of trust have the best opportunity **You** should get to **know** the **people** and not depend on the **position or title**

2 Teach children that if anyone touches their body especially the private parts the child is to say No immediately Go and to Tell and to continue telling until an adult listens to them and helps them Safety Haven volunteers are people who can listen and help

3 If your child does not recognize an adult or does not know the adult well teach the child to stay out of that adults reach and be ready to run and to tell Some adults trick children by asking for help (directions open car door carry packages hunt lost pet) Children should not help adults even if the adult is a sweet old lady with a broken arm The child is to go and get another trusted adult to assist the person asking for help

4 Children should not go with an adult just because the person wears a trusted uniform or carries a badge Teach your children to get another adult to verify credentials Teenagers are especially vulnerable No legitimate officer would be offended by a verification request Be wary of unmarked cars with flashing lights

5 Employment offers are sometimes tricks to abduct children Teach your child to tell you about job offers You check them out especially in the area of movie star/modeling beauty contest Look for high offers of pay without ment or interviews in out of the way locations or jobs that require physical exam by the company doctor

6 Emergency scams worry children so that the child will leave with an adult without thinking Discuss a plan of action you would take if a real emergency arose Some people suggest teaching your child a secret word to alert them to a real emergency Can you depend on your child to keep this secret from his best friend? Can you depend on your child to remember the word months or years later? If so you might us this idea but please back it up with your pre arranged plan of action

7 Teach your children to play work and travel in groups

8 Teach your children to stay out of the woods construction sites empty buildings and homes of adults unless you place your child in that adults care or with that adults children

9 Teach your child the area code as well as your phone number

10 Pre school and young children do not comprehend dead So teach them if they go with an adult without telling you that they are going they might miss their birthday presents or Santa wont be able to give them their Christmas presents

11. Encourage your child to tell you about any "secret adult pals" he or she may have

12. Investigate any unfamiliar toys, money, etc your child may bring home It could be a sign that someone is trying to win his/her confidence by giving these items

13 The Custodial Parent should establish definite and consistant rules with the school personnel as to who has permission to pick up the children or take them out of school. Do not make exceptions for your convenience or for a one-time situation This will cause confusion and can lead to problems, especially in situations where custodial rights are in dispute.

14. **Be certain your phone <u>number</u> is <u>clearly printed</u> <u>on</u> <u>your</u> <u>home</u> <u>phone</u>. Now, that many people <u>buy</u> their telephones, they forget to put their number on them when they install them.**

1 Children are targeted They are selected before a molester or murderer moves in

2 Location is important to the molester/murderer Favorite hunting spots are the isolated short cuts that children take Avoid these routes

3 Typical characteristics of children who have been victims of molesters/murders include children who

Personal Habits/Appearance

appear unkempt or neglected
are slight of build
travel alone are loners or are habitually out late at night alone
remove themselves from the main activity area thus separating themselves from easy visual or audible contacts with a group
frequent video game arcades
are very young children (ages 8-10) who smoke cigarets

Family Environment

have parents in the middle of a bitter divorce proceedings
have families with no religious affiliation/values
have a single female parent who has given trust of them to adult male friends

Be concerned if your child suddenly becomes withdrawn has trouble in school or balks at attending certain classes church meetings or school activities

Parents talk **to** your children **with** your children and **listen** to what they are saying — both the **words** and **meaning** of the words

This is part of a collection of information from well respected child advocate groups including **The Safety Haven Adult Educational Program**

The Safety Haven Program gives you this information with the hope you will use it and use it wisely

SAFETY HAVEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 School Resource Officer Unit - Call 336-2351, and ask for your School Resource Officer to come to your school and do a Safety Haven Program for your children

2 From the Film Library - Call 336-2351, and ask for Film Library

a The Riddle of the Friendly Stranger - (Old, but perfect or Kindergarten, early elementary) Film #152
b When to Say No - (Elementary middle grades, Study Guide on file) Films #210 and #225
c Don't Go With Strangers - (Excellent for all elementary age) Film #127
d No More Secrets - Film #138
e Runaways - (Junior High age) Film #202

MECKLENBURG COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT - Call 336-2724 and ask for your School Resource Officer or Crime Prevention Officer.

1 School Resource Officer Unit - Ask for your School Resource Officer to come to your school and do a Safety Haven program for your children

2. Other Programs Available

a. Puppet Presentations on Childrens' Safety - K-3 level
b. Officer Friendly with Police Car - K-6 level
c Halloween Safety - K-6 level
d. Bus Safety - K-6 level
e. Pedestrian Safety - K-6 level
f Latch Key Children - K-6 level
g Beware of Strangers - K-6 level
h Hitchhiking - Junior High level
i. Safety Over the Summer - K-6 level
j Think Smart - Junior High level

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL MEDIA SERVICES - Have your Media Specialist at your school call and request

1 THE SAFETY HAVEN STORY - Five minute training film - #363-11-006

2 At Home Alone - (Elementary latch key)
(also available through the Red Cross Youth Services To reserve, call 704-376-1661, extension 227)

3. Better Safe than Sorry, Part II - pending approval of the School System (winter 1984) - K-4 level - a film on sexual molestation, presented in a very tasteful manner, up-beat, featuring delightful children, and using flash cards to give the message "Say NO, GET AWAY, AND TELL SOMEONE.

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SAFETY HAVEN COUNTY CO-CHAIRMEN

1. SAFETY HAVEN SKIT with Mushroom Costumes - separate skits for K-3 and 4-6 age groups Call 366-5326 to request

2 SAFETY HAVEN TIP OF THE WEEK - Use the list of Points in your Manual that should be stressed to the children Ask the Principal to cover one or two of these points each week over the intercom system. You could have the children draw posters or write poems and stories representing the "Tip of the Week " A contest could be held with ribbons awarded to the winners All work should be displayed in the cafeteria or a spot in the school where the children go often. In order not to infringe on too much school time, specific classrooms could participate only on specific weeks THIS IS IMPORTANT!!

3. SAFETY HAVEN SONG - There is a copy in your manual Ask your Principal's permission to have the music teacher teach it to the children. Give each student a copy of the lyrics WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU DO THIS - EVERY CHILD IN THE COUNTY SHOULD KNOW "THE SAFETY HAVEN SONG "

3. SAFETY HAVEN CONTACT-A-FRIEND PHONE LINE provided by CONTACT Counseling Service in cooperation with WPCQ-TV, Channel 36. Children may call any time, 24 hours a day, to share their concerns - happy or sad - good or bad. CONTACT-A-FRIEND (333-6121) is prepared to handle any situation and will get the child emergency help, if needed, or refer the problem to the proper social agency for necessary action. CONTACT volunteers (also an adult service) are trained to handle problems and to get the proper assistance. PLEASE reinforce the availability of this line to the children throughout the year.

SAFETY HAVEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Crime Prevention Unit - Call 336-2351, Sgt Pete Toomey, and ask for an Officer to present a program on Safety Haven geared to adults

2 From the Film Library - Call 336-2351 and ask for Film Library

- a Child Abuse - Cradle of Violence (for concerned adults - Discussion Guide on File) Film #196
- b The Child Molester (somewhat outdated, but excellent for parents) Film #107
- c Pedophile (Excellent for parents) Film #115
- d Don't Go With Strangers (for adults, different from childrens' film of same name) Film #131
- e Runaways (for Junior High age, but may interest parents) Film #202

MECKLENBURG COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Crime Prevention Unit - Call 336-2347, Crime Prevention and ask for an Officer to present a program on Safety Haven geared to parents or adults

2 Refer to Childrens' List - some can be used for adults - Call 366-2347,

WPCQ - CHANNEL 36

1 Missing Children (excellent film for adults) Call 536-3636 and ask for Marsha Ferebee

NOTE The Safety Haven County Co-Chairmen are available to come to your PTA General meetings [illegible] in order to assist you in soliciting new or additional volunteers, however, the above listed programs and films are very effective for this purpose

A WORD OF THOUGHT FOR YOU, AS CHAIRMAN, AND FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF OUR STATE " DO THE ADULTS IN YOUR SCHOOL KNOW THAT PEDOPHILIA IS A THIRD SEXUAL PREFERENCE????? "

*Heterosexual - desire for the opposite sex
*Homosexual - desire for the same sex
*Pedosexual - desire for children

Do you wish to tell them? It is time that they know. Find a way to let the parents of your children in your school know just what they are dealing with in society today!

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATIONS

Contact the Principal and PTA President of your local elementary school to see if they have the SAFETY HAVEN Program. If they do not, they should know about it through our communications. Encourage them to implement it with our help or if they presently have the program offer your assistance in publicizing it or soliciting additional volunteers through your community newsletter.

The following is a typical SAFETY HAVEN Community Newsletter article.

"COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH PROTECTS YOUR HOME AND YOUR VALUABLES - SAFETY HAVEN PROTECTS YOUR CHILDREN!" The PTA of _____ Elementary School is considering implementing (has implemented) SAFETY HAVEN in our community. SAFETY HAVEN is a program co-sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTA's and the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council which provides assistance to children on their way to and from school and while at play. It is a county-wide program that has the endorsement of the City Council, County Commission, School Board, City and County Police Departments, as well as supportive services from the City and County Police. You do not have to be the parent of a school aged child to become a SAFETY HAVEN volunteer. You do not have to commit yourself to be at home each and every day, all day to volunteer your services. A SAFETY HAVEN home displays a logo in the window (a mushroom on a yellow background) to let the children know that this is a safe place to go for help when in distress. If anyone in the community is interested in volunteering their services to this valuable Crime Prevention Program for Children, please contact _____, President of _____ PTA at _____ and let him/her know you are interested in having this program for your community (becoming a SAFETY HAVEN volunteer).

In the event you cannot convince the PTA of your local school to participate, get back in touch with us, and we will help you implement through your community association.

Thank you for your interest and support of SAFETY HAVEN.

Jeri Gertzman	Betty Collins
Hornets' Nest	Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Girl Scout Council	Council of PTA's
366-5326	364-2066

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COUNCIL OF PTA'S - HORNETS' NEST GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

CO-SPONSORED ANNUAL SCHOOL SAFETY AWARD - 1984-85

To be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTA's on April _____ at _____ on the following levels

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE K-6 SCHOOL

GRADE 4-6 SCHOOL

GRADE K-3 SCHOOL

Schools with different grade structures should enter within the category that the majority of their grades fall, for example A grade 3-6 school would apply on the 4-6 level

SCHOOL _____ (Circle the category for which you are applying

SAFETY CHAIRMAN _____ PRINCIPAL _____

Entry is to be completed and mailed to _____

_____ no later than _____

It should be neat and legible for the benefit of the judging committee, however, it is not necessary to be overly creative in design This award will be judged on the content and quality of safety in your school Please use attachments if necessary to document your work or to explain in further detail Supplementary materials such as newspaper articles, pictures, etc may be included. If the category is not applicable to your school, please mark N/A

I Transportation Safety

A. Bus Safety

1 What has your school done to promote Bus Safety?

B. Pedestrian Safety

1 What has your school done to promote Pedestrian Safety (walking students)?

C Parent Carpool Safety

1 What has your school done to promote Parent Carpool Safety? (organization of, conduct, and courtesy in carpooling)

D Student Driving Safety

1 What has your school done to promote safe Student Driving? (to and from school and scheduled activities)

2 What is being done for parking lot supervision?

II Fire Safety

A Has your school implemented a Fire Awareness Program?

1 Are you conducting fire drills per system requirements?

(OVER)

INUAL SAFETY AWARD (continued)

2 Is there an alternate method of alerting students and staff? (if the intercom fails, if the bell system fails, explain)

III Weather Safety

A What is your school doing to prepare students for Tornado Warnings, both at home (latch key) and at school?

B Do you have another method for alerting the school beside the school telephone?

Iv Personal Safety

A Is your school participating in the Safety Haven Program?

B Has your general membership of your PTA or PTO been made aware of the Safety Haven Program?

C. If you are participating in Safety Haven, what types of programs are you using to educate your students on how to use Safety Haven and how to protect themselves against abduction or molestation or minor mishaps as well?

D Is your school presenting Alcohol and Drug Education programs either during school hours or outside school hours?

E Are you conducting programs on how students can protect themselves from harm such as assault, molesting, extortion, kidnapping, child abuse? (Other than Safety Haven Schools.)

V List other types of programs or improvements on existing programs that your school is using to promote safety to your students and overall safety awareness in your school

APPENDIX

Chairmen's Names and Numbers

Mecklenburg County

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Charlotte, NC 28226
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Betty Collins — 7121 Lancer Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226
(704)364-2066

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South Olympic Area — Judi Olsen (704)542-3901

East/West Area — Agnes Herring (704)376-5306

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Concord, NC 28025
(704)788-2881

Rowan County

Alma Wallace — 102 Willow Road
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704)636-8008

Stanly County — Mrs. Myra Burris
7007 Idlewild Rd., Charlotte 28212
(704) 537-7974

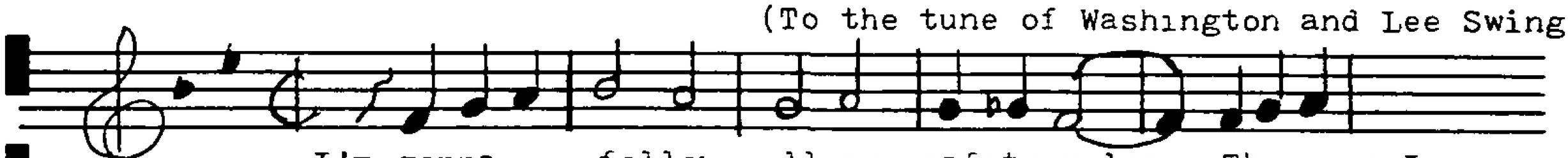
Union County. Pam Mills - Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council
7007 Idlewild Rd., Charlotte 28212

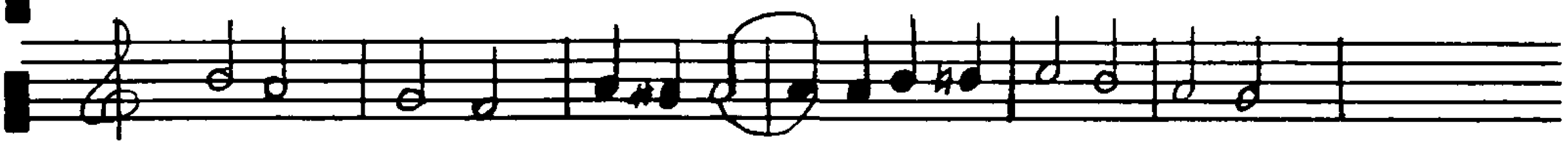
Gaston County)
Cleveland County) Pioneer Girl Scout Council
Lincoln County) 324 N. Highland St. Gastonia, N. C. 28052
(704) 864-3245

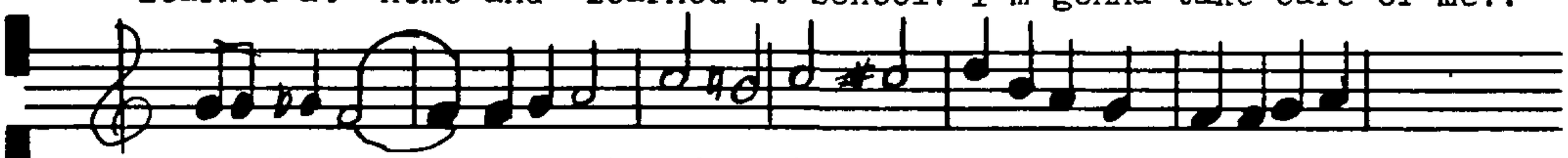
Forsythe County — Lt. Ron Barker
Forsythe County Sheriff's Dept.
Winston Salem, N. C.
(919) 727-2479

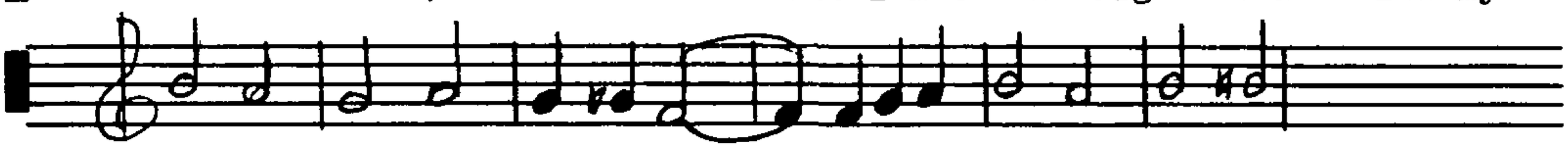
THE SAFETY HAVEN SONG

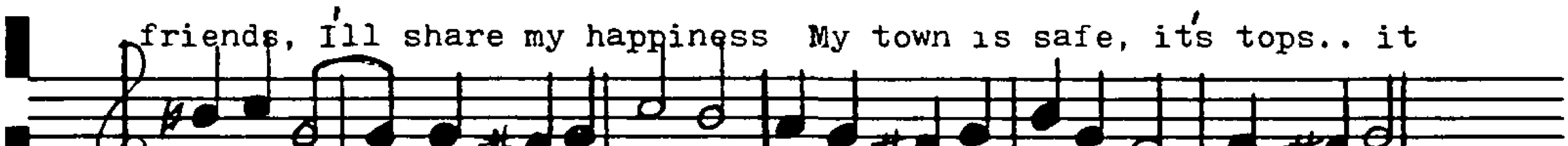
(To the tune of Washington and Lee Swing)

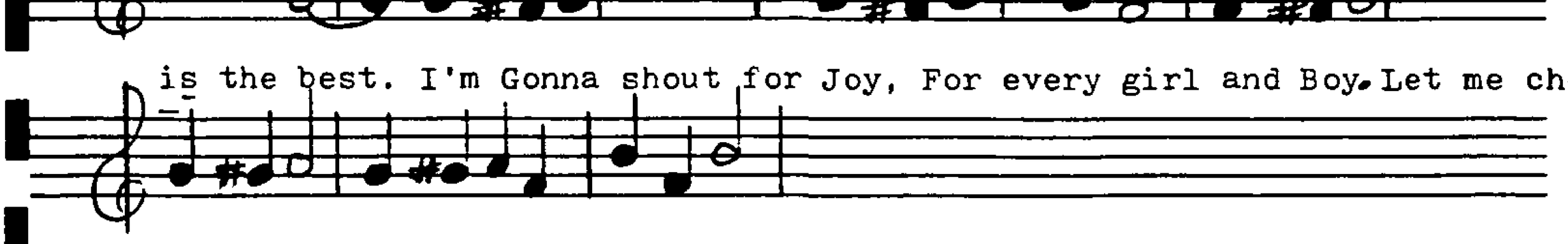












Lyrics by Jeri Gertzman

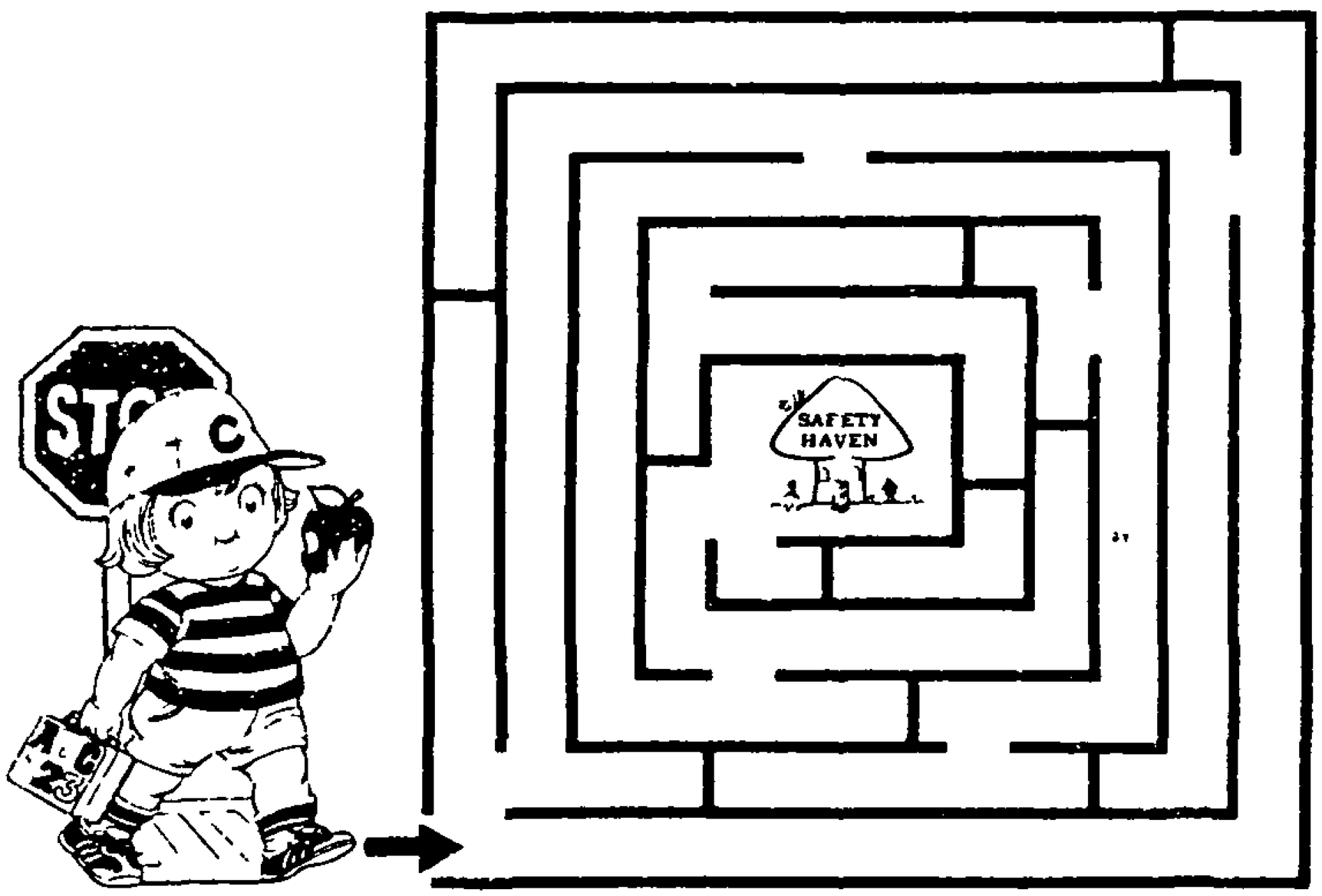
Arrangement Donated as a Public Service by Ernie's Record Shop - Charlotte

PTA

GIRL SCOUTS

Students...

When you need help,
What do you do?
SAFETY HAVEN
Is the place for you.
The boy below will show you how
To get to a SAFETY HAVEN **now**.



PTA

GIRL SCOUTS

HE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Help him find his way.

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SAFETY HAVEN STUDENT'S JOB

1. Fill in the Dots

2 Learn where your Safety Haven is They will have the same picture that is on this paper.

3 Go to Safety Havens when you need help.

4 Tell the Safety Haven Person what you need without going into the house.

5 Keep this picture and these rules at your house so that you can learn the rules and can teach your family about Safety Haven.

6. Before you go anywhere with anyone ask yourself:

A. Do I have my parent or guardian's permission to go with this person how?

B. Does my parent or guardian know that I am leaving now with this person?

C. Has the person told my family what time I will be returned home?

If you cannot answer yes to all 3 questions, GET AWAY from the person as quickly as you can and report the person to your family or to a Safety Haven Volunteer.

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Don't Clown Around With Your Safety

COLOR THE CLOWN AND COUNT THE MUSHROOMS

Find the Mushrooms

There are mushrooms hidden in this clown,
Look carefully, you'll find them all around
If you are a puzzle expert and not a beginner
You'll locate all 20 - and be a winner!

Now the Safety Haven mushroom sign
Is very easy for you to find
Family and friends place them all about
So if you have trouble, they can help you out

Look for your Safety Haven signs

DO NOT PLAY in out-of-the-way places like wooded areas, empty buildings, or homes, or construction sites PLAY OUT IN THE OPEN where lots of other people can see you

DO NOT GO ANYWHERE WITH ANYONE, including your friends without telling your parents/guardians BEFORE you leave DO TELL your parents/guardians three things before you leave

1 WHO you are going with
2 WHERE you are going
3 WHEN you will be back home.

If you cannot tell your parents/guardians all three things before you go, then you MUST NOT GO

For more information or to volunteer your services to the Safety Haven Program, call your child's school or the Girl Scout Office at [redacted]-79[redacted]

KIDS

If you're at home alone and you can't reach your parents... What do you do if you have a problem?...

Maybe you hear a strange noise or you think your pet may be sick maybe you smell something strange or maybe you're just lonely and need to talk to someone

CONTACT-A-FRIEND

The Kids' Help Line

333-6121

(day or night, seven days a week)

PARENTS

This program in cooperation with the CONTACT telephone counseling services WPCQ Channel 36 United Way Girl Scouts and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg PTA s Safety Haven is a public service designed to help kids with problems 24 hours a day seven days a week It is staffed by trained volunteers who are ready to help The **CONTACT-A FRIEND** line is not meant to replace usual emergency numbers or procedures It acts as a supplement to these services We urge you to place the **CONTACT-A-FRIEND** sticker on or near your telephone and discuss the use of **CONTACT-A-FRIEND** with your children and talk about when it would be appropriate for them to call (lonely frightened problems that they can t handle or if they have good news they want to share)

If you need more stickers please call:
The Public Affairs Department at 536-3636

SAFETY HAVEN PHONE RULES

1. The telephone is not a toy If you "play" on the phone, you will not be able to receive calls from people that need to call your home

2. Never tell anyone that you are home alone

3. Do not talk to people who use bad language on the phone Hang up immediately and tell your parent/guardian about the call

4. Learn your area code (704) and your phone number

5. Never talk to 'strangers' over the phone. Do not even answer their questions Hang up

6. If you need to talk with someone and cannot reach your parent/guardian, call Contact-A-Friend at 333-6121

7. If you think you are in immediate danger, call 911

IMPORTANT

Parents, please make sure that your home phone number is listed on your phone Frightened children cannot always remember their number

Parents, teach your children to determine the address from which they call for help, so that help can be sent immediately. 911 is immediately traceable, however, other numbers are not.

SAFETY HAVEN PHONE TEST

Answer the questions below:

Emergency Number? _____

Your HOME phone Number? area code ___ ___ ____

Your MOTHER'S Work Number? area code ___ ___ ____

Your FATHER'S Work Number? area code ___ ___ ____

Your GRANDPARENT'S
Phone Number? area code ___ ___ ____
area code ___ ___ ____

Your Parent's Friend's
Phone Number area code ___ ___ ____

CONTACT-A-FRIEND'S Number? area code ___ ___ ____

MEMORIZE all of these numbers - DO NOT FORGET YOUR AREA CODE!

THE SAFETY HAVEN NEWS

MUSHROOMS MUSHROOM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

A NEW SIGN IN NEIGHBORHOODS

by Jeri Gertzman and Betty Collins

A special sign, called a logo, has and will continue to appear in homes and some business locations throughout Mecklenburg County. This logo pictures a huge mushroom sheltering two children, as if to keep them from harm and to protect them from day-to-day minor worries such as being bullied on the way to school. This logo is a part of THE SAFETY HAVEN PROGRAM which was developed especially for Mecklenburg County's schools. STUDENTS! Look for these signs as they are good signs in your life.

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HELP WANTED!

* Needed: PTAs, PTOs to communicate to parents the story of SAFETY HAVEN.
* Benefits. A better atmosphere for our students to live in and learn in.

* Needed: Adult volunteers for new and existing SAFETY HAVEN PROGRAMS.

* Salary. Rewards of Safe, happy children.

* Respond by calling your school.

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SPECIAL TO PARENTS

If your school has the SAFETY HAVEN PROGRAM and you wish to do your part in helping to protect children and to prevent crimes against your children, call your elementary school today and find out how you can participate. Volunteers are needed seven days a week, but any days or any hours you can help will be appreciated. This is a FREE service to all, as SAFETY HAVEN IS co-sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTAs and the local Girl Scout Council. For more information, call your school or 537-7974.

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SAFETY HAVEN SPECIAL MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Sometimes you may need the help of a good and capable adult as you travel between your home and school or while you are out playing. This help will be in all neighborhoods and it is called THE SAFETY HAVEN PROGRAM.

Safety Haven Homes are homes and businesses that have a special sign, called a logo, in a window on the front of the home or building. When a place displays the Safety Haven logo, it is giving you a special message. The message is. If you need emergency help, this is a good, safe place to go. The grown-up at this place has been trained to give you all the help you need without taking you into the house The grown-up at a Safety Haven location has been checked and certified and will be a safe person who will give you help.

Safety Haven is for you. It was developed and paid for by the PTA and Girl Scouts to show you how much we think of you and that we care about you. In your school, you will be shown this special sign. REMEMBER, if you need help and cannot get to your home quickly and safely, go to a SAFETY HAVEN location.

GIRL SCOUTS

(OVER)

[illegible] blue jeans
[illegible] er you go -
[illegible] ou'll know
[illegible] ou need help, go to the spot
[illegible] the mushroom displayed and then
[illegible] got

S A F E T Y H A V N

[illegible] in down, [illegible] nd out
[illegible] orite [illegible] words

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TIPS FOR TEENS

HITCHHIKING Thumbs-up is a dangerous! It is dangerous and illegal!

HELLS Learn your basic math!

DRINKING OR DRUGS + DRIVING = DANGER

RAPE AND ASSAULT Actions are usually those who are available [illegible] OTD situation and people that could make [illegible] a victim! Boys as well as girls - BE ALERT!

PERSONAL CONTACTS It takes time to build friendships and really get to know people. It is better to say "NO" before you "GO" with someone you really don't "KNOW"!

YOU, YOURSELF YOU ARE #1 YOU are in the process of getting an education and experiencing independent living. It is YOUR responsibility to insure YOUR personal security by keeping YOURSELF mentally and physically fit.

BE A WINNER - NOT A LOSER - REMEMBER

* Safety Haven homes or businesses have the yellow mushroom decal displayed on curbside mail or newspapers OR in a front window. LOOK for it throughout the county.
* WHEN you need assistance due to car trouble, accident, injury, or threat to your safety and cannot reach your home, go to a SAFETY HAVEN.
* Tell the Safety Haven volunteer what type of phone call you need WITHOUT GOING INTO THE HOUSE. The volunteer will make the proper phone call for you. If you need help and do not wish to involve the police, ask the Safety Haven volunteer to call your parents or an adult friend.

[illegible] HAVEN is sponsored by [illegible] Girl Scout [illegible], PTA Councils, [illegible] Public Service [illegible] Project for children [illegible]

GIRL SCOUTS

ANSWERS

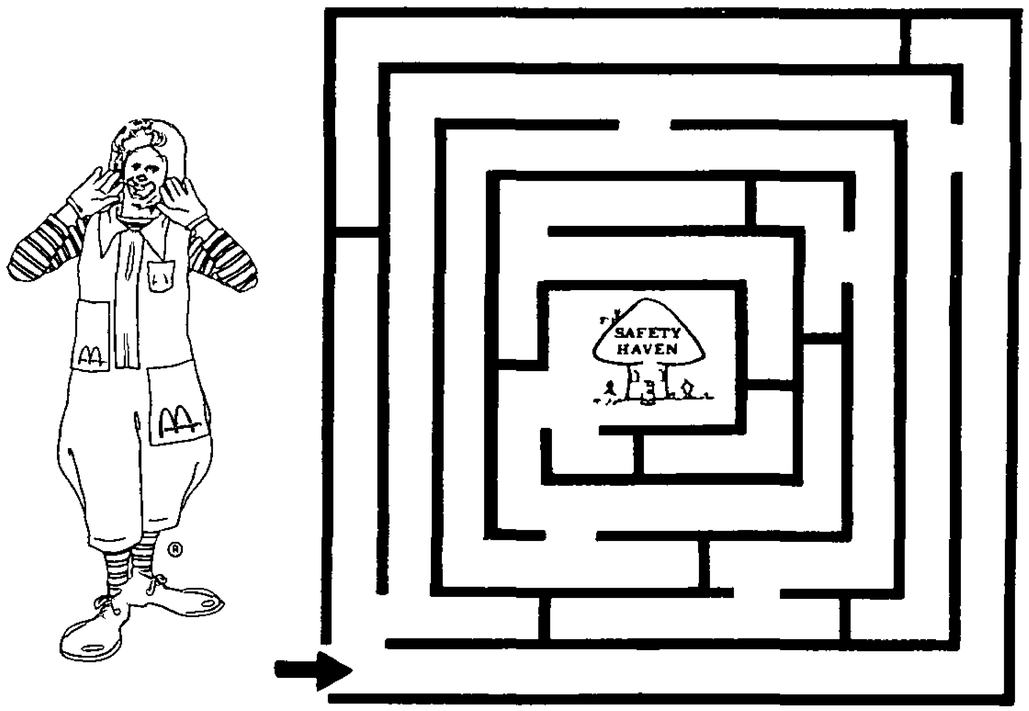
ANSWERS: S Sleeve jacks
A AC-DC F Forecloser
E Everything I The police
Y Yes H Huey Lewis A Asia
V Van Halen E Eagles N Nena

This is used by Girl Scouts Only - PTA & School system approval is pending.

Boys and Girls... When you need help, what do you do?

SAFETY HAVEN is the place for you!

Look for the SAFETY HAVEN sign!



Ronald McDonald® will show you how to get to SAFETY HAVEN now!

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IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR THE GREAT TASTE℠

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