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KidCheck Plus Receives Honda Truck to Help Travel Statewide for Children's Health

KidCheck Plus provides annual head-to-toe health assessments for Kindergarten – 12th grade students to help identify and address undiagnosed and unmet medical concerns to improve each child's overall well-being and academic achievement. KidCheck Plus is a unique community health program that provides workforce development by partnering with 24 Alabama nursing schools, including UAB, Samford, Virginia College, and Jefferson State Community College. KidCheck Plus also partners with the UAB Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry and Physicians Assistants to provide screenings in Birmingham city schools, allowing these five UAB schools to work alongside each other in a clinical setting for the first time. KidCheck Plus screenings options offered include: height & weight, BMI, temperature, blood pressure, vision, dental, hearing, heart & lung sounds, heart & respiratory rates, skin & musculoskeletal, eyes, ears, nose & throat. Over 6,000 children were screened in central Alabama last year and 50% of all children screened failed at least one aspect of the screenings.

“The donation of the 2012 Honda Ridgeline will greatly benefit our KidCheck Plus team as they travel throughout the state to provide head-to-toe health assessments. A KidCheck Plus health screening may be the only medical evaluation some children in our community have all year” According to Chad Nichols, Vice President of KidCheck Plus.

KidCheck Plus was named Alabama's Most Innovative program in 2009 by Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) Center for Government and the Business Council of Alabama's 2013 Agenda cited KidCheck Plus as “A measurable program that should be supported in order to reduce long-term healthcare costs.”

The SSA KidCheck Plus Program has received numerous awards for its accomplishments in improving quality and access to healthcare for underserved children in Alabama. The Business Council of Alabama cited the SSA KidCheck Plus Program in its 2011 State Legislative Agenda as a measurable program that should be supported as a means to contain long-term healthcare costs in Alabama.

Sight Savers America is a non-profit that relies on community contributions. For more information, please visit us www.kidcheckplus.org. For more information on our Sight Savers America, please contact Meghan Dobson at mdobson@sightsaversamerica.org or by calling 205-790-8456.