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United Way of Midland County’s Board of Directors Welcome A New Agency Partner

On Tuesday, March 10th, the Board of Directors for United Way of Midland County approved the addition of the Safe & Sound Child Advocacy Center to its family of partner agencies.

Safe & Sound is a non-profit organization that works to prevent child abuse and neglect through a number of targeted education, prevention and advocacy programs. Their overall vision is to create a community where children are safe and nurtured.

“We are honored to be welcomed into the United Way of Midland County family of agencies and for the recognition of the importance of reaching out to our most innocent and vulnerable citizens—kids who are at the center of a child abuse allegation,” stated Karen Adams, Executive Director of Safe & Sound Child Advocacy Center.

United Way funds will support Safe & Sound’s forensic interview program. This interview and case management service focuses on the child victim of suspected sexual or severe physical abuse. The highly trained forensic interviewer works to minimize or eliminate trauma to the child by coordinating the questions and concerns of the response team into one non-threatening, fact finding interview.

The interviewer works with teams comprised of legally-mandated representatives, to ensure the welfare of the child through the investigation. In addition, the case coordinator provides the non-offending caregiver support, counseling resources, and information to empower and support them. Following the interview, the team members meet to review their findings and coordinate their response to best protect the child.

“United Way is pleased to welcome Safe & Sound into our family of agency partners,” stated Ann Fillmore, Executive Director. “The work that they do is vital to the well being of our children and their families, and is a unique addition that complements our range of critical services to the community.”

United Way, along with their partner agencies, work to advance the common good. They focus their efforts in three impact areas: Education, Self-Sufficiency and Health. These are the building blocks for a good life: Equip people with the tools to reach their full potential, empower them to live independently, and promote health and healing.

United Way strives to create long-lasting change to prevent problems from happening in the first place, creating opportunities for a better life for Midland County residents.

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