

# Healthy Woman/Safe Kids team to help area families



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Buckled up safely and ready to go — that was the message Saturday morning at the Safe Kids San Angelo program at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SMMC/Healthy Woman teamed up with Safe Kids in order to provide the Big Spring community with an opportunity to get children in proper car seats. Numerous volunteers, including Healthy Woman members, Big Spring Police Department, Department of Public Safety troopers, SMMC employees and Safe Kid representatives were on hand.

“It’s all about the kids and showing them we are here to help them in any way we can. We need to make sure they are safe when they are traveling,” said Big Spring Police Officer Amie Soles.

Starting at 8 a.m. in the SMMC parking lot, residents were able to drive in with their children and have their current car seat inspected. If found to be unsafe, they could have it replaced free of

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**Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Healthy Woman teamed up with Safe Kids San Angelo program to provide car seat checks Saturday morning and provide car seats to families who were using inappropriate ones. Nina Barrera took her grandson, Isaac Villa, to the event to make sure he was riding in the proper car seat.**

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charge.

“This is something we could do to make a difference and provide an opportunity for those who maybe can’t afford the right car seat to be able to get their child in one and ensure they are safe,” said Stephanie Ferguson, SMMC

employee. “This is an opportunity they might not have otherwise.”

Texas law requires children 8 and under to be properly restrained while in a vehicle. The program is one more way parents are able to get informed of the proper seating for their children and the correct way to install the car seat in their vehicle.

“I wanted to make sure I had the right car seat

for my grandchildren,” said Nina Barrera, attendee at Saturday’s event. “It’s important for them to be safe while we are driving.”

SMMC/Healthy Woman and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are joining together to bring the Safe Kids program back to the 2012 Healthy Woman Health Fair.

“Part of the Healthy Woman objective is to

get women help with their health and the health of their family. This is part of that. It’s helping ensure their children are safe,” Diane Wood, Healthy Woman member, said.

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