



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings!!

The month of April has begun with a consistent weather forecast of rain showers, I'm already hopeful that the month of May will bring us a season of flowers that symbolize the beautiful neighborhoods blooming. Summer is right around the corner. Are you excited?

I remember growing up on the corner of 12th and Locust and summer in Milwaukee seemed like a collection of kids roller skating down the street, girls playing double dutch in the street (I never did quite learn how to jump), my cousin's playing a game of cans in front of the house, me begging my Aunt for some money to go to the corner store for some candy I didn't need and knowing every single neighbor on the block – who would probably tell me to hurry home before the street lights came on. Good times, good old days, fond memories.

Last month during an evening of community brainstorming, I spoke with several residents that reflected on those same "good old days" and all the things they loved about their community. A resident who lived in the Parklawn Neighborhood for 31 years told the room how she's welcomed every new homeowner to come after her and how she's enjoyed watching young families grow and build. And then we heard from two young teenage girls who sadly shared that they can't really relate to those "good old days" because right now they aren't always feeling safe and comfortable playing at their local neighborhood park when it's still light outside. They shared some scary incidents about violence, unfriendly adults and reckless driving making them anxious about what summer will bring. This reminds us that now more than ever our work remains necessary and essential. The work of pulling together and uniting residents to have some of these hard conversations about what isn't working, so that we can be

very strategic about what steps it will take to get back to days that felt good all the time.

“ We are intentionally making strides to see the good...”

That’s why this month we are returning to our annual Collective Efficacy surveys. In the month of April and October we will host 1,000 front porch conversations across the city asking residents and youth to talk about their neighborhood as we learn if our efforts and organizing work has helped to build social cohesion (residents who know each other, trust each other and most importantly, residents willing to work together for the sake of safety). The more data that we can gather about how residents feel about being engaged and actively involved in the very blocks that they live in, the better we can be informed around how best to go deeper in our work or reimagine how to achieve our mission. So, if a Safe & Sounder is in our neighborhood, please indulge the team in a 5-minute conversation about your thoughts. We want to be effective, we want to be impactful, and we want to know that our efforts in Milwaukee are creating the change that we want to see.

While not every day in the neighborhood feels or looks beautiful, here at Safe & Sound – even on rainy and damp days – we are intentionally making strides to see the good and celebrate the wins of the YOU in community that’s making a difference.

THE MISSION



Safe & Sound has been dedicated to improving public safety in high crime, low income Milwaukee neighborhoods since 1998. With a budget of approximately \$2.6 million and 29 staff members, we engage Milwaukee residents and youth in proactive neighborhood safety and revitalization efforts utilizing an award-winning, three-part approach which combines community organizing, youth development and partnerships with law enforcement. These activities aim to improve collective efficacy (social cohesion and informal social controls), which heavily influences the level of safety in communities. Safe & Sound is unique in the nation as a non-profit, civilian organization that utilizes research and evaluation to inform street level community engagement strategies



3rd Annual
SWING FORE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Presented by AT&T

DRETZKA PARK GOLF COURSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2023

REGISTRATION 7:00 AM

TEE OFF AT 8:00 AM

\$600 PER FOURSOME



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today

Join us for contests, raffles, food, and GOLF!

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Step 3: Select "Vote for nonprofits"

Step 4: Find us & vote!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



GALLERY



BLACK MALE YOUTH SUMMIT

The UW-Milwaukee African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Summit on Black Male Youth-Milwaukee was established in 2012 by Black faculty and staff and community partners who saw a need to create positive experiences for black male youths at a higher education setting. The Summit, held on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's campus, has served as an opportunity for middle and high school black male students to learn from and engage with educators, administrators, parents/guardians and other stakeholders in Southeastern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

Safe & Sound, Inc Youth Organizers hosted a workshop called Don't be Thanos, be Spiderman: Understanding Your Strength and Power in Community. Helping youth to understand that the most powerful asset of a community is its PEOPLE. Giving examples of ways youth can be engaged in their community and why it is important. Safe & Sound, Inc Youth Organizers spoke about three ways to be Spiderman in their community:

1. Showing Up –Being present being consistent, helps with being a solution in your community.
2. Awareness – Being conscious and aware of community trauma. Share your story with others and invite them to do the same.
3. Youth Advocates –Being a Youth Advocate gives authority and ability to transform the thinking, attitudes, and behavior of others. It is amplifying the voice of youth.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT COLLABORATIVE MEETING

The Collective Impact Collaborative meeting was an opportunity for residents and partners to meet another and engage in conversations around shared challenges impacting their neighborhoods. We recognize that these challenges are city wide and so it is important to connect our neighborhoods in strategizing on a city-wide solution.

Paul Schmidt, national Collective Impact thought leader, helped to facilitate the conversation and walk attendees through the basics of collective impact, the need for collective leadership, what collective leadership looks like and urged residents to plug in and be that leader. Nearly 70 residents, youth, and partners were in attendance.

SAFE & SOUND IN THE NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY WIDE DRUG TAKE BACK SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND



District 2

Location: Christ St. Peters 2137 W Greenfield Avenue

District 3

Location: Monumental Church 2407 W. North Avenue

District 4

Location: Sam's Club 8050 N 124th Street

District 5

Location: Walgreens 2222 W. Capitol Drive

District 7

Location: Epikos Church 3737 N. Sherman Boulevard

SAFE SUMMER KICK OFF SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 12:00PM-4:00PM

Make a plan for a safe summer 2023!!!

Organizations that offer summer activities and summer employment will be onsite to share information and enrollment instructions. There will be safety tips on water parks and swimming, reckless driving, gun safety and more.

This event is free. Bring a young person you know!



Talent Search Casting Call
Date: Friday, April 14th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



Caregiver Story Sharing
Date: Saturday, April 15th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



District 7 Crime & Safety Meeting
Date: Monday, April 17th
Location: Salvation Army



District 5 Coffee with a Cop
Date: Thursday, April 20th
Location: Coffee Makes You Black



Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Drug Take Back
Date: Friday, April 21st
Location: Washington Park Senior Center



Caregiver Story Sharing
Date: Saturday, April 22nd
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



District 4 Crime & Safety Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 25th
Location: The Safety Academy



Sexual Assault Awareness: Truth Be Told
Date: Thursday, April 27th & 28th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



Amani United Community Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 6th
Location: Dominican Center



Caregiver Story Sharing
Date: Saturday, May 13th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



Coffee with a Cop
Date: Thursday, May 18th
Location: Coffee Makes You Black



District 3 Crime & Safety Meeting
Date: Thursday, May 25th
Location: Milwaukee Police District 3



Teen Financial Literacy Summit
Date: Saturday, April 15th
Location: Evolve Church



Barbershop Monday
Date: Monday, April 17th
Location: Groppi High School



District 2 Crime & Safety Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 19th
Location: Mitchell Street Library



Coffee with a Cop
Date: Thursday, April 20th
Location: Coffee Makes You Black



Amani Earth Day Clean Up
Date: Saturday, April 22nd
Location: Dominican Center



It Takes A Village Open Mic
Date: Sunday, April 23rd
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



District 3 Crime & Safety Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 27th
Location: MPD District 3



Caregiver Story Sharing
Date: Saturday, April 29th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



Caregiver Story Sharing
Date: Saturday, May 6th
Location: Safe & Sound Headquarters



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Silver Jubilee

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 29, 2023

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