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April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month: Community Partners Join Forces to Raise Awareness about Child Abuse in Idaho Blue Ribbon Media Event Scheduled for April 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Boise, ID (March 31, 2008) –

- WHO:** St. Luke's Children's Hospital and FACES along with other community partners
- WHAT:** Will host a kick off event on Tuesday, April 1
- WHEN:** 1:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** St. Luke's Boise Medical Center, entrance to Children's Specialty Center
- WHY:** April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. St. Luke's Children's Hospital, FACES and other community partners have planned a variety of activities throughout the month to raise awareness about child abuse in Idaho. All events are centered on the theme of "Hold a hand in love, never raise a hand in anger." As a backdrop for the kick-off media event, two trees have been adorned with thousands of blue ribbons; a symbol of the 1085 new cases of child abuse substantiated in Idaho just last year.

Fun, hands-on activities for parents and kids:

Boise Public Library Toddletales

Story time for children ages 2-3

Tuesday, April 1 and April 8, 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, 10:15 a.m.

Boise Public Library, 715 S Capitol Blvd, FREE

St. Luke's Community Open House and Health Fair

Bike safety, MaxWell Moose Ambulance and fun family activities.

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Luke's Eagle, 3101 E. State Street, Eagle, FREE

Handmade Too! Arts & Crafts

20% off bisqueware and studio fees for kids and families.

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Handmade Too!, 60 S. Eagle Road, Eagle