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CFF Goes National

Center for Fathers and Families of Arkansas (CFFA) signed an agreement to sponsor SAFE TEAM Community Connections Foundation (STCCF) as a project to provide support, advice, funding and education nationally for schools, businesses, families and other parent involvement programs. Communities will be offered training over the internet to get parents started as volunteers in their local schools.

To accomplish this goal, the SAFE TEAM Community Connections Foundation will:

- Fund S.A.F.E. TEAM on Campus programs through a grant program to assist schools needing financial aid to begin engaging their families as active volunteers.
- Educate businesses on their role in the education system and encourage them to expand their voluntarism and encourage employee volunteerism.
- Educate and encourage businesses to invest in their future workforce by directly donating to sponsor school based parent involvement programs in their operational areas.
- Support schools throughout the nation by working with community and national organizations to create a national support network.
- Support other parent involvement programs in raising funds and awareness for their existing programs.
- Advise existing parent and family involvement groups on improving communication skills and improving their relationships with community organizations and businesses.

The Center for Fathers and Families of Arkansas was organized in 2005 as a community based organization dedicated to partnering with other organizations to equip fathers to be responsible family leaders. Thousands of men have been trained as local school volunteers, impacting almost every school in CFFA's NE Arkansas county. The S.A.F.E. TEAM will expand this opportunity to include women and other family members in the volunteering program--improving personal responsibility, safety and education in local schools. As S.A.F.E. TEAM volunteers, family and

community members donate a day of their time to the school and wear a special gold uniform t-shirt that they purchase themselves. CFFA determined that sponsoring this effort was not only consistent with its goals, it also sees the expansion to national influence as a positive move.

CFFA and STCCF will solicit funds from business, foundations, and individuals to sponsor a S.A.F.E. TEAM on Campus program for a school or school district. Funds donated to sponsor programs will be offered as a grant to qualifying schools and school districts. All funds donated to sponsor schools will be granted with no administrative fee withheld or reserved, so that 100% of these funds will go directly to schools receiving the grant funding. The application process will be open to all schools regardless of type, location, population density, or other mitigating factor.