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The Kansas City Children's Assistance Network (KC CAN!) is proud to announce the first annual "Faith & Mercy" Drive to benefit Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. For 10 years KC CAN! has been helping Kansas City's children through programs like Safety Street, and projects for Operation Breakthrough, Gillis and Higher M-pact. This event was conceived by Tiffany Roberts in gratitude to the hospital for saving the life of her day-old daughter born with a congenital heart defect. The Roberts family gained a profound appreciation for the hospital's importance as a resource for all children in our region requiring pediatric specialty care.

This community drive will benefit the Child Life Department at Children's Mercy. Certified Child Life specialists promote a positive environment for patients and families, in part by providing materials for play and preparing and supporting children for medical experiences. The donated items will be used to help them in their work.

On July 18, 2009 KC CAN! will place bins at various locations across the Kansas City area to collect new toys, art supplies, games, books and movies to benefit the children at Children's Mercy. Visit www.KCCAN.org for information and guidelines on needed items. On August 1, the bins will be collected and gathered at a final event from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Chartreuse Caboose in Lenexa, KS. There will be food discounts and fun for all. Please join us for the celebration!

If you have a location that can be used to collect items, if you have items to donate, or would like to make a monetary donation please contact Tiffany Roberts at (816) 260-9535.