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## **Second Annual “Stop The Violence, Save the Children!” parade takes place July 14 in Meadowood neighborhood**

### Community leaders join neighborhood residents to stop violence

Neighborhood Connectors, Inc/Meadowood Health Partnership/Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Community leaders will join with local churches and other non-profit groups, Saturday, July 14 to have a solidarity march to fight senseless violence happening in Madison and surrounding communities.

The second annual “Stop the Violence, Save the Children” parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Community Breakfast sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Staging for the parade begins at 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Madison location of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Road in Madison, parade begins at 11:00 a.m. Community and religious leaders and the Madison police will come together that day to rally to prevent violence of every kind. Parade participants of all ages can march, carry banners and design signs. There will be face painting, balloons and crafts for the kids.

Community groups like Neighborhood Connectors, Inc and the Meadowood Health Partnership will join with Madison Police and city officials in a show of unity against violence in our community. In addition, Good Shepherd will join forces with other churches in the Meadowood neighborhood, including Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ and St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, in the effort.

We are also calling on families to join in the effort to protect their children. It is not enough to wait on leaders when there is much that can be done in our homes, at mealtimes and before and after school. It is the family unit that can be the first line of defense. We are also sending the call to businesses, individuals, agencies and organizations to support positive efforts in community and to partner with us in this activity.

Join us on Saturday, July 14, as we will march to show solidarity in our efforts to maintain safer neighborhoods and give the clarion call that relies on courage to stand strong against violent behavior in our neighborhoods and communities by participating in the second annual “Stop the Violence, Save the Children!” Parade.

For more information please visit [gsLCWI.com/stop-the-violence](http://gsLCWI.com/stop-the-violence).