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Dear Parent,

It can be very difficult to keep our children safe today. The older they get and the more they expand their social circles, the more difficult it can become. As children begin each new school year, they are likely to meet new friends. Often they come home requesting to go to a friend's home or spend the night. If you don't know the friends or their parents, it can cause some anxiety for you as you try to decide how to respond to your child.

Don't you wish there were a way to know that those parents will take care of your child while he/she is visiting? Would you like to call those parents but don't have their contact information or worry that they might be offended or bothered by your call?

We have a resource to help you. It is called a Safe Homes Directory. It is simply a listing of families who are willing to sign a Safe Homes Pledge. By submitting this pledge, parents are promising to supervise all children in their home and to make sure that unsafe items like drugs, alcohol and tobacco will not be accessible to children. These parents sign the pledge and give their contact information because they want other parents to call them and to know that their home is a safe place for other children to visit.

All parents who sign the pledge are provided with a free copy of the directory. If you would like your free copy of the 2009-2010 directory, simply complete the enclosed pledge and return it to Communities That Care (CTC).

We hope that our directory will lessen some anxiety for you and make it easier for you to talk with and get to know other parents in your school. We wish you a safe and happy school year!!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Prough,  
Executive Assistant, CTC