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Support Safe Neighborhoods with Good Food

Tacoma, Wash., October 21, 2015 – Safe Streets, a Tacoma based non-profit, is excited to invite the community to join them this October for a series of Restaurant Takeover fundraising events. Local eateries will be opening their doors in support of Safe Streets, with proceeds from the evening going towards funding the organization's community and youth programs.

“To date, Safe Streets has organized and trained a network of 120 community groups involving over 14,000 neighborhood leaders and 190,000 residents in high-risk neighborhoods,” said Traci Kelly, Development Associate for Safe Streets. “It is only through the support of our community that we are able to achieve such incredible results and help people take charge and make change in their neighborhoods.”

That’s what happened in Alex’s neighborhood. A few years ago Alex’s neighborhood was being terrorized by a group of teens. They would egg houses, pepper cars with paintball guns, steal mail and destroy property.

Luckily Alex’s next door neighbors, Dave and Cathy, were Safe Streets Neighborhood Group leaders. They worked to help the neighbors organize and connect with Tacoma police to find the perpetrators. The vandals were soon caught and the neighborhood was once again peaceful. The residents were also confident they would know how to respond if something like this ever happened again.

Stories like this are common at Safe Streets Restaurant Takeovers, where attendees have the opportunity to meet their neighbors and learn how ordinary people can help put an end to crime in their neighborhoods.

“It can be difficult for people to see how they can make a difference,” said Kelly. “That is why events like the Restaurant Takeovers are so important, as they let people know they are not alone, and remind them there is an entire community ready to take a stand with them.”

This year Safe Streets will be partnering with both Reyna's Family Mexican Restaurant in Parkland and the Hosmer Round Table Pizza in Tacoma for these takeovers. Each location will recognize the Safe Streets cause by contributing a portion of profits from sales occurring between 5:00pm and closing to the organization.

For a complete event schedule, please visit Safe Streets website at: <http://safest.org/weblog/2015/10/02/safe-streets-restaurant-takeover/>

About Safe Streets

Safe Streets Campaign is the first private, non-profit organization that unites neighbors against crime—a model for other programs nationwide. Serving Tacoma and Pierce County since 1989, Safe Streets equal a safe community. Both private and public funds support Safe Streets’ community efforts. Learn more at www.safest.org.