

## **Child Safety Seat Recycling Event a Strapping Success**

Did you know that child safety seats have an expiration date? Most manufacturers put a life limit of six years from the date the seat was made. To help reduce the number of unsafe seats sitting in area vehicles, Legacy held its first free drive-through child safety seat recycling event Saturday, Feb. 23, at Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

A total of 120 child safety seats were collected during the two-hour event. The seats were taken to the Legacy Recycling Center and separated into materials that may be used to make new child safety seats or other products.

“Our collection represents 2,700 lbs., or 1.35 tons, of plastic and 150 lbs. of metal that won’t be going to landfills,” says Legacy sustainability coordinator Tom Badrick.

The next child safety seat recycling event was March 22, during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Kids’ Fair at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Expired or damaged seats and bike helmets were collected. Accompanying the recycling event was a child safety seat check up. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> annual check up event at the fair. The event checked a total of 160 child restraints and distributed 41 seats to low income families.

Many thanks go out to Legacy Health System. Their effort and involvement in the child passenger safety community is greatly appreciated. Their partnership with ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center has allowed for much needed service in Portland.