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Judy Hammond directly and indirectly saved thousands of children's lives, and influenced a generation of child passenger safety advocates and professionals who through their efforts continue her efforts.

In 1983, as Director of the Acadiana Safety Association (Lafayette, LA) she used community based dollars to create a fully functioning, well-coordinated program. Corporations, caregivers, teachers, local government, and advocates joined together for child passenger safety. Among other activities, she initiated, developed and coordinated a 500 child-seat-loaner program. Corporations purchased and donated new car seats, and with community members established a lending program so that new parents could have a child seat, use it until their child out grew it, then return the seat so another family could borrow it.

She persuaded a corporation to change its long-standing practice of giving large floral bouquets to new mothers; instead presenting them with a new car seat to celebrate baby's birth - and ensure a safe trip home.

Woven through Ms. Hammond's career are education, communication, and strategic planning. She often saw a need and created a solution. Ms. Hammond wrote her Master's Thesis, "Development of a Public Awareness Campaign for the Use of Automobile Child Safety Seats". For this ground breaking research, she received her Master of Science degree from Lamar University Beaumont, TX, in 1982.

Beginning in Beaumont, TX at Lamar University's Office of Traffic Safety, Ms. Hammond was actively involved in child passenger safety and occupant protection, travelling to neighboring Louisiana where she introduced crowds to NHTSA's Vince and Larry during local Mardi Gras parades, then east to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, then west to NHTSA's Colorado based Region 8, and finally north to NHTSA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Along the way, she was instructor and lead instructor for many Occupant Protection Usage and Enforcement courses throughout Louisiana and Virginia, and Lead Instructor for NHTSA's Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technical Training Course in Region 8 states Colorado, Montana, North Dakota South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

While teaching at the Virginia Commonwealth University, Ms. Hammond co-authored 2 books which were recognized standards in the field: *Baby Seats, Safety Belts, and You!* (now in its 3rd edition) and *Virginia Local Transportation Safety Commission Guidelines*. After joining NHTSA Headquarters in 2002, she continued teaching at the US Department of Transportation's prestigious Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) based in Oklahoma City, OK where her expertise was recognized by conferring her status as an associate staff member.

Ms. Hammond, as part of a dedicated cadre of experts known as NHTSA's Patterns of Life Team, developed, and pilot tested curricula for child passenger safety training courses and certification course for technicians, and certification for technician instructors. In recognition of her contributions, Ms. Hammond was managing instructor for the first course in February 1998 in Golden, CO. The effort of experts established protocols for training used across country by Child Passenger Safety Certification programs to ensure consistency, maintain skills, and encourage training the trainer. The course was officially known as NHTSA's Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technical Training Course, now known as the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program.

Currently at NHTSA Headquarters in Washington, DC, Ms. Hammond's career comes full circle: she develops, evaluates, oversees federal grant programs provided to State Highway Safety Offices, and this is done in concert with NHTSA's 10 Regional offices.

She influences parents, advocates, corporations, state, local, and federal staff, at all levels, across the country.

The arc of Ms. Hammond's contributions reaches from Lamar University campus' Traffic Safety Office to community programs, to Region 8 states, to Virginia Commonwealth University, to USDOT's Transportation Safety Institute, and to NHTSA Headquarters' federal highway safety grant programs.

Ms. Hammond continues her profound impact on children, parents, caregivers, families, as well as a generation of child passenger safety professionals, advocates, and stakeholders.

Judy has made a profound difference in people's lives.

