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Washington County Drug Prevention Program Named State Award Winner

(Columbus, Ohio) – Drug-Free Action Alliance announced today that The Right Path for Washington County is the recipient of the 2007 Red Ribbon Award.

Drug-Free Action Alliance established the award in 1993 to recognize organizations for their alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention programs during Red Ribbon Week, a national celebration held every October 23-31. Red Ribbon Week began when family and friends of a slain Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, wore red ribbons to his memorial service. Today, the red ribbon symbolizes a commitment to healthy drug-free lifestyles, no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of legal drugs.

“The Red Ribbon Celebration has become more than a single week-long event and is now part of year-long prevention efforts,” Drug-Free Action Alliance Executive Director Patricia Harmon said. “The Right Path for Washington County has done an excellent job of sending positive drug-free messages to the children in their schools, local businesses and the entire community.”

The Right Path for Washington County’s Red Ribbon Week 2007 was an exciting time with activities for children and adults alike. Events ranging from baseball cap day, symbolic of “putting a cap on drugs” to signing pledge cards to remain substance-free and wearing red ribbons helped reinforce the anti-drug message of Red Ribbon Week. Participation was not limited to children in Washington County and through events like a “Recovery Walk” and proclamations presented from civic leaders, the drug-free message was delivered to the community.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio. Programs and initiatives include Know!, “Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking”, the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration. More information about the agency is available at: www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org and its Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration website is www.drugfree24-7.org.

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Red Ribbon Celebration

College Initiative to Reduce
High Risk Drinking

Ohio Resource Network
Clearinghouse

Statewide Prevention
Coalition Association

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most:
Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Ohio Center for
Coalition Excellence

Know!

Youth Philanthropy
Council

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