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Youth Philanthropy Council Meets and Awards Grants for Projects

(Columbus, Ohio) The Youth Philanthropy Council, a program of Drug-Free Action Alliance, met recently to review grant applications and to award grants.

The Youth Philanthropy Council is composed of selected student leaders from across the state of Ohio who have shown a commitment to lead a healthy drug-free lifestyle and to be a positive role model in their local schools and communities.

Actively involving youth in community service projects teaches young people responsibility and citizenship. Research has shown that young people who are active within their school and community are less likely to be involved in substance abuse.

The Youth Philanthropy Council awarded \$2,500 in grants this year. A \$500 grant was awarded to HUDDLE (Helping Us Develop Dedication Leadership and Enthusiasm) to help support their student peer-to-peer mentoring program. Their Program, RESIST, focuses on improving social skills and educating students on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Student Congress received \$1,000 from the Council. Their Peer-to-Peer Underage Drinking Social Norming campaign goal is to dispel the myth that "everyone is doing it" and increase the perception of harm about alcohol to youth.

Team Delta Max, a drug and alcohol-free student-led group from Upper Arlington High School, was also awarded \$1,000 by the Council. The goal of their program is to promote students making positive, safe and healthy choices and to change student attitudes toward underage drinking.

"The funding of these projects will not only benefit the youth involved by providing growth and skill development, but will enrich the communities and local schools as well, said Drug Free Action Alliance Executive Director Patricia Harmon.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is celebrating 20 years as a statewide non-profit organization providing leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio. In addition to the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking, its programs and initiatives include Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking, Know! and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration.

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Statewide Prevention
Coalition Association

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