

Prevention Partners

Working to Build Healthy Communities and Drug Free Youth

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Dec. 13 & Jan. 10
Parents Night Out
6pm-11pm
YMCA Sport Zone

April/May 2009
Breakfast
7:30am-8:30am
Location TBD



**Did you know you can designate your
United Way Contribution to
Prevention Partners?**

Just write: **"Prevention Partners"**
on the United Way form



Successful Events

2nd annual Red Ribbon Run

October 26, 08

(Hosted by Prevention Partners & the Ft. Meigs YMCA)
The focus of the event encourages community awareness about the importance of working together to build healthy, drug-free lifestyle for the youth. More than \$6,500 dollars was raised for youth drug prevention and awareness. We were pleased with the success of the event, as well as its ability to deliver a positive message to our youth.

Thanks to all who partnered or volunteered!!

Parents Night Out

2nd Saturday of every month

Each month more kids are dropped off for a night of fun at the YMCA Sport Zone. This provides an opportunity for parents to have a night for themselves!

**CHECK OUT OUR
NEW WEBSITE!!!**

www.prevention-partners.org



Seller Server & Compliance Checks

Prevention Partners was awarded a “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” grant for 2008. The purpose of this grant is to educate parents about laws regarding underage drinking, provide Seller/Server trainings and complete Compliance Checks for businesses that hold a liquor license. This campaign is always held around Prom and Graduation season, and is used as a tool to remind communities about the penalties of serving to underage youth.

We have been doing these Checks in Northwood, Lake Township, Perrysburg, Perrysburg Township and Rossford since 2005 and the number of businesses in compliance has grown significantly. In 2005 we had a total of 76 establishments checked, 55 were compliant with 21 citations. In 2008 we had 132 checked, 120 passed and there were 12 citations.

We had five (5) Seller/Server classes this year and the Ohio Investigative Unit provided the trainings. The program they use for their merchant education is called **A.S.K. (Alcohol Server Knowledge)** and the goals of this program are to familiarize employees/supervisors/owners of alcohol establishments with basic knowledge of: permit information, underage issues, intoxication violations/responsibilities, identification of fake ids and criminal and civil liabilities.

Connie Wheeler
Administrative Assistant

PASA Teen Board Update

We are enthusiastically looking forward to a fun, exciting year with their new members and their new leadership!

PASA has so far participated in:

- *Harrison Rally Day Celebration with the traditional dunk tank along with face & hair painting!
- *Parents Night Out, which is now a monthly fundraiser for the Teen Board
- *National Red Ribbon Week Celebration: PASA went into all four elementary schools and for the first time presented to all the students, grades K-5.
- *2nd Annual Red Ribbon Run: volunteered on the 5K Course and had activities for families after the races were complete.

Upcoming Events:

- *Educational Workshops in preparation for their Spring Prevention Presentations



2008-2009 PASA Teen Board

Molly Biglin
Teen Board Advisor

Cassandra Michel
Co-Advisor

**Want more information about something talked about in the newsletter?
Please search our website!!! www.prevention-partners.org**

Notes from the Executive Director:

After a long absence of communicating via a newsletter I thought it would be a good idea to “refresh” your memory of *who* Prevention Partners is, *what* we do & *who* we serve . I know this looks lengthy but please bare with me.

Prevention Partners was founded in 1987 by a handful of concerned citizens who were alarmed by alcohol and other drug use among the youth in the city of Perrysburg. Twenty-two community volunteers began meeting monthly. Eighteen of those members were trained by Community Intervention, Inc. from Minnesota, followed by assessments of community leaders, citizens and students to help set the agenda for PASA (Perrysburg Alternative to Substance Abuse). As our service area grew, in 2003, our name was changed to Prevention Partners of Wood County. Almost 22 years later Prevention Partners continues to exist and serve as a true “grass roots” community coalition here in Perrysburg and Wood County.

Our mission: *To inspire leadership and foster educational opportunities to assist communities in building prevention strategies that nurture positive youth development* and our mission is supported by the coalition membership and investment. Coalition membership is comprised of active representation from : parents, students, school personnel, local law enforcement from five communities, Wood County Sheriff Department, Ohio Investigative Unit, Perrysburg City Council, local and county judicial, business, civic groups, youth serving agencies, St. Luke’s Hospital, health professionals, media and faith based initiatives.

Prevention Partners annual operating budget is \$168,539.00 which is maintained by a federal Drug Free Communities grant of \$100,000.00, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services grant of \$40,000.00, Safe and Drug Free Schools contribution of \$10,000.00 from Perrysburg Schools, \$3,000.00 Parents Who Host grant from Drug Free Action Alliance and approximately \$15,539.00 from local fundraising and contributions.

Over our 20 plus years of existence in Perrysburg and Wood County Prevention Partners has become known for providing ongoing prevention programs in the Perrysburg Schools, community and across northern Wood County. To see the programs we provide, please visit our website.

As Prevention Partners moves into the next year and final year of funding from the Drug Free Communities Grant we depend on the support of our local community, stake holders and all those who believe in our vision of continuing our great works. Increasing positive developmental assets in our youth and working to create a healthy tobacco, alcohol and other drug free environment is a mission and responsibility that belongs to all of us. To find out how you can volunteer or contribute financially to our efforts contact me at 419-874-4242 or go to our website at www.prevention-partners.org.

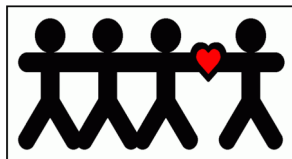
Sandy Hinkle
Executive Director

From the Mouth of the November Teen of the Month: Christie Lakis (a review of the last couple months)

One of the most important community events that PASA and Prevention Partners participate in each year is Red Ribbon Week. PASA peeps take part in a variety of activities to promote drug and alcohol prevention and drug awareness in the community. During Red Ribbon week we give presentations to elementary schools students. This year, the presentations focused on encouraging a drug free lifestyle. The students always enjoy spending time with the “cool” high schoolers. This year we presented to four schools in the area and over 1,800 kids.

PASA members also traveled to the Junior High to judge a door decorating competition. Junior High students decorated doors with drug free messages. The students were so creative; it was hard to pick a winner.

Our annual Red Ribbon Run was also big a success this year. We provided games for some of the younger participants and directed the runners, making sure they didn't get lost running through Levis Commons. Over 200 people attended the event to race in both adult and youth races.



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If you share our passion and believe in our mission, I promise you there is something here at Prevention Partners you can help with. Below you will find ways to get involved!

Ways to Get Involved

1. Be a Coalition Member
2. Volunteer
3. Contribute Financially
4. Partner with Us

if you would like to support Prevention Partners in any way, please give us a call