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NEWS RELEASE

Springwater Trail Students to Host Community Event

Springwater Trail High School students have been working to plan an event for Teens; **CHANGING YOUR WORLD DOESN'T MEAN GETTING HIGH, April 8, 2008, 7-9:00** p.m. at Centennial High School Auditorium, 3505 SE 182nd in Gresham, Oregon. The event is a **free discussion** about alcohol and drug use that is **open to the public**. **Area teens ages 13 to 18**, and their parents are encouraged to attend.

The Town Hall panel format will be used for the two-hour event hosted by youth volunteers, who will present information on teen brain development and the effects of drug and alcohol use. Employing music, drama and activities designed to engage teens in an evening of high impact information and challenging dialog the evening will also include drawings and prizes.

The guest panel will include law enforcement, a local physician, school councilors and social service agency representatives. Teens will be invited to ask questions and participate in the activities.

Crystal McDonald, Springwater Trail senior who is working on the event says, "I think it starts with the choices you make. You can impact your world by making change and it starts with people saying, "**Not going there. Haven't tried it**", instead of; "**Been there and done that.**"

Hosted by the Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership (GGAPP); a coalition of social service, law enforcement, business, education, faith and community organizations, the Town Hall event is planned to coincide with national Alcohol Awareness month activities and the annual Spring prom season.

GGAPP, spearheaded by volunteers, is facilitated by the Police Activities League of Greater Portland. For more information, please contact PAL at 503-823-0250 and or go to www.GGAPP.org.

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