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Coming Together to Drive Against Drugs

Monday, August 7 was a beautiful day for golf! Brierwod County Club hosted the 13th Annual Drive Against Drugs Golf Tournament in memory of Robert E. Rich.

Over 25 local businesses and 106 golfers from all over the community competed in a scramble format. Golfers were treated to a donated lunch from George's Hot Dog Stand and Bickles on the back patio before play started and a steak dinner in the clubhouse following the round of golf.

The event was a successful tournament raising more than \$17,000 in net revenue for the WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse Foundation. The golfers donated over \$4,800 of the revenue in raffles, contests on the course, 50/50, and the silent auction.

The first place winning team was comprised of Garrett Lunn, Griffin Lunn, Ron Whipple and Mike O'Neill. This team will hold the coveted Drive Against Drugs Trophy for one year.

The tournament could not be held without the generosity and support of the sponsors or the hard work of the golf committee. Thank you to co-chairs John Lunn and Bob Gauchat and the rest of the committee: Urmas Lupkin, Steve Barber, Alvino Battistoni, Mike Klima, Jim Mize, Jay Rich, Dan Sarzynski, Beth Anzalone and Kate Chudoba. Also a thank you to our volunteers Kathy Deet, Karen Smith, Mari Irwin, Nicholas Lupkin, Connor Lupkin, Sarah Barber, Kathy Moriarity, Bonnie Martin, and Howard Martin who came and helped make this event run smoothly!

A special thank you goes out to **Gold Sponsor** Greene & Associates for their seven straight years of support of the tournament and the work of WNY United!



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National Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31

October is Substance Abuse Awareness Month and every year we celebrate National Red Ribbon Week. October 23-31 is the most visible time of year for substance abuse prevention efforts. We invite you to join us in the fight. This year we will again be holding our coloring pledge activity and adding on a photo contest. All entries will receive a free ticket to the Red Ribbon Bisons Game this spring!

[Click here for all the Red Ribbon information.](#)

Welcome New WNY United Staff

We are excited to introduce our new staff members to you! Please welcome:
 Hannah Rich - Prevention Specialist
 Ryan Hart - Prevention Specialist
 Jenna Cavallaro - Prevention Specialist and Ripple Coach
 Alexandra Rosen - Ripple Coach
 Kate Chudoba - Communications Coordinator

Coalition Grant Awarded to WNY United

WNY United received an exciting new grant through NY State OASAS to develop a region-wide coalition of community stakeholders across Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Chautauqua, and Cattaraugus counties.

The purpose of this coalition is to oversee the development and delivery of an array of Environmental Prevention Strategies across the counties. These strategies will be delivered across the counties in a consistent manner in an effort to help curb substance abuse issues such as the opioid epidemic and underage drinking.

As part of this grant, WNY United will also develop a new Chemical Dependency Consortium website, along with new methods to streamline meetings to promote attendance and shared ideas. The website will contain a list of available trainings within the region, a region-wide resource list which can be used by anyone in the community to determine the prevention and treatment resources that are in their localities.

WNY United is grateful to NY State OASAS for this incredible new endeavor which is sure to have a positive impact on the counties in the western region!

2017 - 2018 School Partners

The 2017-2018 School year has begun and WNY United is excited to be partnering with these schools:

Buffalo Public Schools:

18 Dr Antonia Pantoja Community School of Excellence
 27 Hillery Park Elementary
 43 Lovejoy Discovery School
 67 Discovery School
 72 Lorraine Elementary
 74 Hamlin Park School
 80 Highgate Heights Elementary
 89 Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence
 93 Southside Elementary
 95 Waterfront

Frontier Central Schools

Big Tree Elementary
 Blasdell Elementary
 Cloverbank Elementary
 Pinehurst Elementary
 Frontier Middle School

Hamburg Central Schools

Armor Elementary
 Boston Valley Elementary
 Charlotte Avenue Elementary
 Union Pleasant Elementary
 Hamburg Middle School



Lake Shore Central Schools

Anthony J. Schmidt Elementary
 Highland Elementary
 John T. Waugh Elementary
 Lake Shore Middle School

Maryvale Union Free Schools

Maryvale Primary School
 Maryvale Intermediate School
 Maryvale Middle School

So what does it mean to be a "Partner" with WNY United?

WNY United is proud to partner with the 10 Buffalo Public Schools and 4 suburban districts. Now that we are partners, the work really begins.

A trained Prevention Specialist is assigned to a school district or building for the entire school year! They spend 2-4 days a week depending on the school size to deliver our curriculum in grades K-6. Kindergarten - 4th Grade receives Too Good For Violence, 5th Grade receives Building Skills, 6th Grade receives Too Good for Drugs. Each curriculum is evidence based and at the end of the school year, all data is tabulated and analyzed to determine each program's effectiveness. These curriculum are based on social skill development that teach students social skills such as goal setting, decision making, assertiveness, peaceful conflict resolution, and resistance skills.

In select partner schools we also offer the Ripple Program, Mentoring, and Leaders in Training. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Prevention Specialists and Their Partner Schools

Sarah Holsopple - Hamburg Central
 Marcia Bohn - BPS 18 and BPS 67
 Sam Zappala - BPS 72 and BPS 43
 Joe Olgin - BPS 89 and BPS 80
 Hannah Rich - BPS 93

Jenna Cavallaro - BPS 27
 Lori Brown - Maryvale UFSD
 Ryan Hart - BPS 74 and BPS 95
 Julie Schaefer - Frontier Central
 TBD - Lake Shore Central

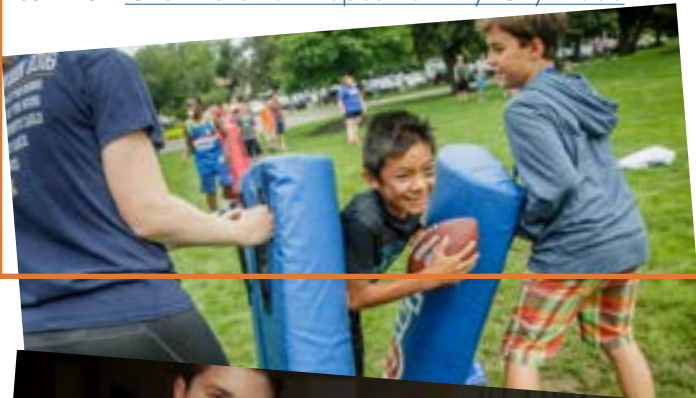
LIT Summer Program

This summer we had approximately 100 students from 10 different Buffalo Public School and the Lake Shore School District attend our five week intensive Summer Leaders In Training Program held at Medaille College. The Buffalo Public Schools in attendance this year included BPS #18, #27, #43, #67, #72, #74, #80, #89, #93, and #95.

Throughout the summer students learned about their personality and how to work with others through True Colors, received a job and learned how to pay bills through Math for Life, expressed themselves through creative writing and poetry, gained social skills through team building activities, decorated cakes, made salt maps, created scrapbooks, built tool boxes and even learned how to change a bike tire. We hosted a Career Panel and participated in additional team building activities at Camp Pioneer.

We cannot thank our partners enough who enhanced our program and brought new opportunities to our students. Independent Health has been a continual supporter of the summer program by providing our students the opportunity to go to the Buffalo Zoo, assisting in providing the Play 60 Obstacle Course for our Sports Day, and providing us with Anna Jaremko who teaches our students the 5-2-1-0 healthy living goals so they can facilitate them to the students at their schools.

Rene DeLuke from The Center For Missing and Exploited Children provided the students a lesson on Internet Safety and Computers for Children provided STEM programming by teaching the students about robots. This year we had a visit from Sam Magavern, from The Partnership for Public Good who came to speak to our student about Beauty and Democracy and that they have the power to make a positive change through various art forms. After the presentation students brainstormed what they would like to see for their city in the future. From there, they worked with their teachers and fellow classmates to create various art forms to start the change they want to see in their own neighborhoods. Students presented their work at the closing ceremonies of the Summer LIT Program. Work included raps, songs, poetry, interpretive dance, poetry, paintings and spoken word. It was a great conclusion to a wonderful summer. [Click here for Hopes For My City video](#)



Sheriff's Corner

Make the right call this fall - Don't Drink and Drive. We know football and tailgating is very much a tradition here in Erie County. We also know that Drinking and Driving is illegal. It can lead to being arrested, jail time with fines, loss of license or even your life.

So enjoy the sports and all the great things Erie County has to offer, but be prepared if you are planning on drinking. Call a friend, a relative, a cab or even Uber, but don't get behind the wheel and take a chance at ruining your life, or somebody else's.



Who are we? WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Inc. is a grass roots initiative designed to increase awareness, educate & mobilize area residents to participate in proven strategies to prevent substance abuse. We actively promote healthy choices. Funded by the New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services through the Erie County Department of Mental Health. Additional funds provided by the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, the Rich Family Foundation, the John R. Oishei Foundation, the WNY United Foundation & private contributions. Member of Px21, the Erie County Prevention Alliance, WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium and Erie County Opiate Task Force.

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