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Building Our Lives Drug-Free



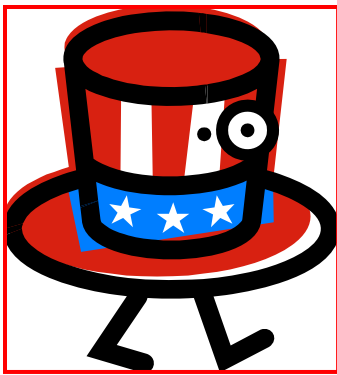
Walk on Aids

On the morning of June 12th, members of TADA, BOLD, and SSTAR's Project Aware were lacing up their walking sneakers in honor of the 16th annual Walk on Aids. Walkers of all ages and races raised money and donated their time to helping people that have been affected by the HIV virus. The five kilometer walk was launched at the beautiful Fort Tabor Park in historic New Bedford.

According to *YouthAIDS*, an education and prevention program of PSI, 33.2 million people currently live with HIV/AIDS worldwide and one million of those infected are living in the United States. Approximately, 5,700 people die from AIDS every day worldwide, and fifteen million children around the world have been orphaned by AIDS, losing one or both parents to the disease. In addition to this, children and teenagers worldwide are also being affected by the HIV virus. Every minute of every day one infant dies due to the global AIDS epidemic and every fifteen seconds, one person aged fifteen to twenty-four becomes infected with HIV/AIDS. In the span of the past minute, four young people globally have been infected with HIV/AIDS.

With every step the walkers take year after year, we as a community take several steps towards finding a cure for HIV and AIDS as well as gaining respect and support for people living with the virus. *Reported by Casey Tidwell*





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BOLD AWARD Winners



Members of the Fall River Community were honored at the BOLD Annual Meeting held on June 10th for their commitment to the BOLD Coalition mission of making Fall River a healthier community for youth .

Ben Feitelberg and Tyler Winn, students at Durfee High School were awarded the **Summit Award**. Their leadership in engaging many Durfee High School students to more actively participate in numerous school events has earned them the BOLD Coalition Summit Award . **Congratulations!**

Shannon Reynolds and Amanda Donovan were awarded the **Community Connections Award** for their leadership and guidance in **YEAH** and their commitment to connect with the youth in our community. We thank them for their time and efforts. **Congratulations!**

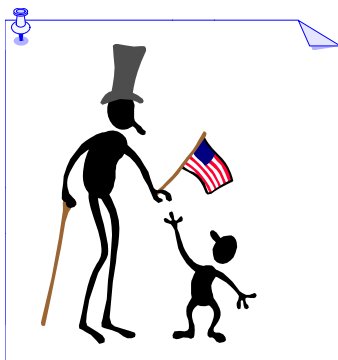


Jenna Lagasse received the **BOLD award**. This is the highest award given by BOLD to a person who is willing and eager to take the initiative of promoting the mission and vision of BOLD with sincere interest, vision and confidence through her work and volunteerism. **Thank you and Congratulations Jenna!**

A Fond Farewell

Karen Fischer, who has been the director of the B.O.L.D Coalition since 2006 is resigning on June 30th. Karen was recently praised at the BOLD Annual Meeting for her commitment and dedication to the BOLD mission. Karen will be missed by all who have worked with her over the past 4 years.

In the photo, Mike Aguiar is presenting Karen with the **BOLD Special Award**. This award is given to an individual whose passion and commitment to promoting BOLD's mission is invaluable. Karen has been an inspiration and a friend to all and we very reluctantly say goodbye. We wish her well, and much success in New London. CT.



Planting the Peace Pole

May Peace Prevail on Earth



The History of the Peace Pole

The idea of the Peace Pole was started in Japan by Masahisa Goi during the destruction and bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Mr. Goi believed war is started by thoughts of war, so in turn, he felt that peace could be started by simple thoughts of peace. In order to create awareness, he produced poles inscribed with the message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth." This honest, simple, straightforward message started the famous Peace Pole Project. To date, more than 300,000 poles have been placed in over 180 countries worldwide, including the recently unveiled Peace Pole at SSTAR, which joins 42 other peace pole plantings in Fall River.

The History of the SSTAR Peace Pole

This year the BOLD Coalition Youth Group, under the direction of Lance Tehan, has partnered with members of Durfee High School's Gay-Straight Alliance in hopes of bridging the gap between members of the GLTBQ (Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Bi-Sexual, and Questioning Sexuality) community and the non-GLTBQ community. Their first collaborative project was to create a Peace Pole. For the Peace Pole project the youth group focused on three main aspects, addressing homophobia, discrimination and stereotyping, with the hope of bridging the gap between the GLTBQ community and the non-GLTBQ community. The GLTBQ youth believe that this Peace Pole will help generate discussion and be a positive step forward in making the Fall River community more united. It is their hope also to encourage other agencies to become "safe zones" and not discriminate because of sexual discrimination and sexual beliefs. This support will allow GLTBQ youth to have an active and visible role in the community.



Anthony Carvalho unveils the Peace Pole at SStar

The SSTAR Peace Pole

So what exactly is on the Peace Pole? There are four symbols and an iconic phrase, a red ribbon symbolizing support for those affected by HIV and AIDS, another symbol represents sisterhood, the third symbol is a rainbow flag with a triangle in the center which represents unity between people of all sexual orientation. The fourth symbol denotes recovery. The phrase "May Peace Prevail" is present on the pole in four different languages: English, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish. These languages are representative of many of our local residents. Russian was included to honor the partnership that SStar has with Russia. But, no matter your background, peace is a universal language.

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Ryan Kennedy and Jesse Brown read the dedication.



BOLD Youth Group admiring their work.



And a special thank you to Karin Wood for initiating this program and also planting a perennial flower garden at the base of the pole. Thanks also to Tim Amaral for painting the pole.

Reported by Alisha Gilbert and Casey Tidwell.

B.O.L.D. Coalition Officers for 2010-2011

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| Tom Pasternak | President |
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| Ryan Kennedy | Secretary |
| Tyler Winn | Treasurer |

See enclosed insert on the B.O.L.D. Coalition Strategic Planning Process



Prescription Drug Take-Back

BOLD IN ACTION



Three hundred people turned in over a hundred thousand dollars worth of unused medication at the BOLD Prescription Drug Take-Back held Saturday, June 19 at Blessed Trinity Parish Hall on Plymouth Avenue in Fall River. This proactive initiative was organized to prevent prescription drug abuse especially, by children and young adults ages 12 to 18. As a result of the generosity of a trust fund administered by Reverend Lawrence and grant funds, supermarket gift cards were exchanged for the medications.

Sergeant Dan Dube of the Fall River police department noted that the presence of Fall River Police was to oversee the operation and assist the pharmacists. He related that he was "...ecstatic at the amount of people that participated and of the amount of narcotics that have been turned in. These drugs are out of people's medicine cabinets where teenagers and others can get them. This helps with prevention of addiction issues or overdoses and has a direct impact on crime."



"This is a great teaching opportunity" noted Carol Mc Shane of Health Care Pharmacy located at the Truesdale Clinic. "We identified medicines that are not narcotics which still have abuse potential. They can be used with other substances to extend a high. Abusers and kids know about these medicines." She continued, "I get calls from distraught parents and grandparents at least once per week wanting help indentifying medication found in a youth's pocket, bedroom, or in the laundry. People need to realize that many of these drugs are taken from homes and people need to lock them up. Kids and others think they are safe because they are prescriptions, not illicit drugs. They came from an approved FDA manufacturer but if they get into the wrong hands, they are dangerous."

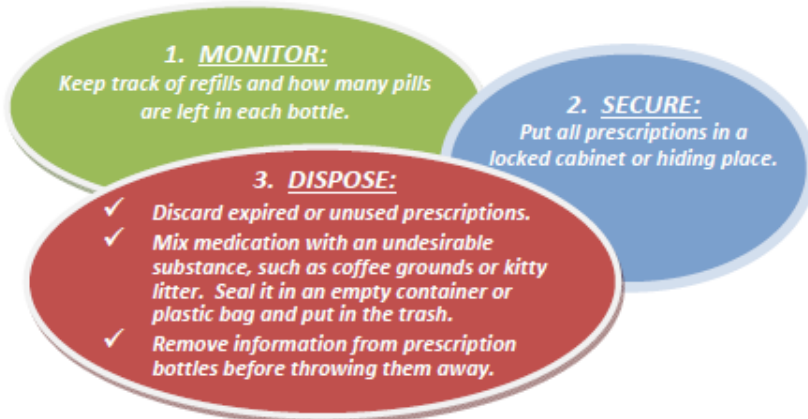
Of great concern to the pharmacists were the huge amounts of mail order medications turned in. Tom Cory, pharmacist and owner of Standards Pharmacy located at 246 E.Main St, remarked that he was "...quite concerned about an awful lot of older participants who brought in massive amount of drugs that were 90 day supplies or more from mail order." These include items such as "...two 90 count bottles Nexium which costs \$900.00. Another participant brought in 15 boxes of Zepinex which is used with a nebulizer. Her husband had gone into a nursing home that did not accept them. There were many cases of participants being prescribed large amounts of medication that did not work and then switched to another. Another example of a 90 day prescription high cost is Lovenox, prescribed for DVT (Deep Vein Thrombosis), costing \$30,000. The prescription was never used. Aventis, a new drug prescribed for severe asthma was also turned in. That prescription alone retails for \$15,000. "We are very happy that this brought our attention to potential for waste," stated Pharmacist Tom Cory. "Policies clearly need to change. Not everyone is a candidate for 90 day prescriptions."

This was a great event" said Lance Tehan, BOLD's Youth Outreach Facilitator. "People were polite and interested in the project and BOLD's initiatives."



Many people took the time to fill out our surveys that will help to further work in this area." Maureen Brisson, BOLD's Volunteer Coordinator noted "this was a very useful event for older residents and a great way to see BOLD in action in the community . BOLD's Director, Karen Fischer remarked that "together we really do create a healthy community for the youth of Greater Fall River."

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE? NOT IN MY HOUSE!



Visit: www.drugfree.org/notinmyhouse