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RAHALL ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR CRESCENT MOON

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV) announced today that Huntington's Time Out Youth Services recently received a grant of \$189,533 for its "Crescent Moon Project" which is a specialized program targeted at drug abuse prevention for homeless youths.

Rahall added that the "Crescent Moon Project" would use the funds to augment existing monies in four areas. First, the program would create an in-home intervention service which would help to ease the strain between youths and family. Secondly, a recreation program would be set up that would provide a good environment that would promote self-esteem and self-confidence.

Also, funds would be used to hire a Peer Leader to supervise the teen clubhouse. This Peer Leader would help to create thoughtful and worthwhile conversation between teens so that they would have a peer group to air their concerns and problems. Finally, the program would create a Volunteer Coordinator position who would coordinate peer counseling and manning a toll-free hotline number for teenagers in five counties: Cabell, Wayne, Mason, Lincoln, and Mingo.

"I think one of the best ways to deal with the problem of drug abuse is through peer counseling. Youths getting together to air their problems in an environment that puts them at ease, and gives them the opportunity not only to be heard, but to help also," said Rahall.

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