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L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Community Action Coalition receives grant from Macomb County

HARRISON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – At their monthly meeting Oct. 14, the L'Anse Creuse Community Action Coalition (CAC) received a \$3,500 donation from the Macomb County Prevention Coalition through the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. The mission of the CAC, established in 1996, is “to sustain a safe and healthy community” by building assets, preventing substance abuse and empowering youth.

L'Anse Creuse is one of 10 community anti-drug coalitions in Macomb County to receive such a grant. “These funds were made available through the local law enforcement block grant from the United States Department of Justice,” said Ken Lampar, Macomb County Prevention Coalition. “The federal government gives the county a lump sum to use for crime prevention activities throughout Macomb County.”

The CAC will use the funds for its biggest event held each year in March called Dialogue Day, a forum where student leaders meet with various community leaders in hopes to build assets throughout the community. The dialogue topics include: Laws that Affect Youth, Youth Involvement and Activities, Dealing with Stress and Anxiety, Family Life and Communication, School Life and Communication, Safety and Conflict, Youth Image in Community, Youth and Employment Issues, Diversity, and Youth Core Values: Beliefs and Spirituality. Over 100 youth and 100 community leaders attend.

In 2005, D'Ante Gross, student from L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South, was chosen by his teachers because he is a role model. “I try to encourage my friends and tell them to believe in themselves,” said Gross, who participated in the Youth and Employment Issues session. Being here today will better what I can achieve,” said Gross, who aspires to be an industrial engineering technician or a business manager.

As a follow-up to Dialogue Day, the Coalition focuses on creating resolutions and programs to the discussion topics.

The Community Action Coalition meets monthly at 8:30 a.m. on the second Friday at the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools' Administration Building, 36727 Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Township. Community members who seek to partner in this mission are encouraged to attend.

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