Teens’ Closet and Fry’s Food and Drug Earn MATFORCE Game Changer Award

Prescott Valley, AZ

MATFORCE commends Teens Closet and Fry’s Food and Drug for helping to reduce substance abuse by providing positive and healthful resources in our communities. Teens Closet and Fry’s earned the MATFORCE Game Changer award for by going ‘above-and-beyond’ to make a real difference in the lives of others and thereby helping to build healthier communities.

Teens’ Closet is a ministry program of the American Lutheran Church in Prescott and is directed by Krystal Koons. The program earned the Game Changer award for the month of November, 2015, for the positive impact it makes in the lives of teens. Teen’s Closet provides free ‘in style’ clothing, accessories and personal hygiene items specifically to teens in need. Understanding that the teenage years are a crucial time in life, Teens’ Closet raises the bar for young people by helping boost their self-esteem and confidence. Teens can make a private appointment to meet with a dedicated team of volunteers that help run the program and are able to select from a wide variety of clothing sizes and seasonal styles.

Fry’s Food and Drug earned the Game Changer award for the month of December, 2015, for a prevention program their statewide pharmacy initiated. Fry’s Pharmacy installed a computer program that allows their pharmacists from across the state to automatically check each and every prescription filled for possible substance abuse. The software program specifically checks for controlled substances, such as Oxycodone and Benzodiazepine. Before a prescription is filled, their system automatically connects to the Arizona Board of Pharmacy’s Prescription Drug Monitoring System. The monitoring system allows practitioners or pharmacists to quickly obtain a patient’s controlled prescription drug history allowing them to recognize either an addiction problem or a pattern of abuse.

This award is a project of MATFORCE’s Underage Drinking Task Force. A new Game Changer is selected each month. Nominations can be made for an individual, group, business or organization. Submit your nomination at matforce.org.

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Photo Caption #1: Teens’ Closet, a ministry program of the American Lutheran Church in Prescott and directed by Krystal Koons, earned the MATFORCE Game Changer award for the month of November, 2015.

Photo Caption #2 - Fry’s Food and Drug earned the MATFORCE Game Changer award for the month of December, 2015, for a statewide drug monitoring program their pharmacy initiated. Fry’s Pharmacy representatives who accepted the award include (l to r) Crane Davis, Susan Wilson and Eric Perry.