

A Message from Rudy Gatlin



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While recently celebrating the “29th Anniversary of my 30th Birthday,” I reflected on the upcoming October 25th **Power of Prevention Breakfast** where I'll be speaking. (More on why I say “anniversary of birthday” will be shared on the 25th; plus, I'll probably throw in a song or two - it's what I do!)

Why do I believe this event is so important? It's because of the great work of The Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

Do I want a safer community? Sure!

Do I want to see kids reach their full potential? Most certainly!

With a 20-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter, I see the problems teenagers face today. Ultimately when it comes to the basic reality of adolescent abuse and addiction, I simply want our communities' kids to have access to programs that will help them through these difficult years. (I want them to have a bunch more birthdays too!)

Substance abuse and addiction can be life or death, but substance abuse prevention works! And the Council implements evidence-based programs to that effect, especially in communities that have the greatest needs.

See the attached invitation and submit the response card. Join me on October 25th to support the Council's 65-year heritage and each and every one of the thousands of area kids they touch annually. Together we can touch, change and save young lives!

God Bless,

Rudy