

# NavCo Coalition Against Drug Abuse

A Coalition of Concerned Navajo County Residents Banded Together to

- EDUCATE the Community on the methamphetamine & drug crisis
- REHABILITATE those who have fallen into the addiction
- ENFORCE laws pertaining to the spread of meth & drugs in our communities



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## Coalition Underwrites Show Low Bus Shelter



Dr. Mary Jeanne Munroe, front left, presents a check from the Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse to Show Low City Accountant Ray Herbel. The Coalition funded construction of a new bus shelter along West Cooley in Show Low. Standing at a similar shelter at Show Low Public Library are, from back left, Coalition Steering Committee members Margie Brakefield, Arno Hall, Pat Hollins, Diana Lowell, Nora Isaccs, Barbara Bruce, Nancy Stedham and MV Transportation's Tom Hakenewerth, General Manager of Four Seasons Connections bus service.

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*Mission Statement:*

To develop a diverse community representation, coordinate a sustained effort in educating and preventing the use and abuse of crystal meth through a plan for change in local social norms through prevention, treatment and vigorous enforcement of existing laws.

**SHOW LOW, Az**—Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse cooperates with the City of Show Low to complete one of four community projects funded under an \$8,000 civil rights grant from Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. A check was presented June 18 to Show Low City Accountant Ray Herbel to fund a new public bus shelter in front of new federally subsidized housing at 200 W. Cooley, Show Low. Upon completion next week, the shelter will feature a brass plaque recognizing the Coalition's contribution to the project.

The federal civil rights pass through grant funds projects that bring Americans together to serve in their communities, according to Dr. Mary Jeanne Munroe, Coalition Steering Committee member and project director for this grant. The Coalition kicked off the grant projects in January. The local projects support Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of fighting poverty and substance abuse and encouraging volunteerism and community interaction, especially among youth and the elderly.

Two other grant projects are also currently under way. Faith-based groups are volunteering with the Coalition to conduct clean up for homebound senior citizens. Alreadym Ignite Church has conducted yard and home improvements to ensure surroundings meet local fire season standards. Other faith-based groups are still welcome to participate.

Blue Ridge High School junior Kristin Godwin has designed an informational kiosk that will be constructed by volunteers from Ignite Church at Mountain Meadow Park in Lakeside. The kiosk, managed by Pinetop-Lakeside Town, will feature community and park activity information, along with drug prevention messages.

In February, volunteers worked with local dentists to conduct dental screenings for needy elementary students at Blue Ridge.

A goal of the projects is to provide an opportunity for direct involvement in moving our community toward working against Dr. King's "triple evils" of poverty, racism and violence.

For volunteer to participate in any of the projects or for information on the Coalition Against Drug Abuse, email [navcoantimeth@gmail.com](mailto:navcoantimeth@gmail.com) or go to the Coalition's website, [www.navajocountydrugproject.com](http://www.navajocountydrugproject.com).

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