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Preventing Underage Drinking: A Call to Action

Ralston – LiveWise Coalition is sponsoring its third annual Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ralston High School Theatre, 8969 Park Drive. The event welcomes parents, youth, teachers, community leaders, and all others who care about the safety and health of the youth in our communities.

Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem will open the evening event, followed by Dr. Tom Osborne, University of Nebraska Athletic Director, who will share a recorded personal message on the topic of underage drinking. Special guests featured on the panel include: Steve Lathrop, State Senator; Lawrence Gendler, Sarpy County Juvenile Court Judge; Sgt. Shayna Ray, Omaha Police Dept.; Dr. Mark Beischel, Peru State College; Kathy Burson, Co-Executive Director of PRIDE-Omaha, Inc.; a parent, and several area youth. Bob Schmill, from Matt's Dream Foundation, will be leading the participants through a closing exercise.

This year's theme is "Stronger Voices for Healthier Choices." Dawnna Hill, Project Director of LiveWise states: "Since underage drinking is an extremely important issue in the community, the coalition is creating an opportunity for citizens to not only voice their concern but also to take action to deal with the problem."