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Preventing Underage Drinking: A Call to Action

Ralston – LiveWise Coalition is sponsoring its fourth annual Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking Thursday, April 2, 2009 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 interested in the safety and health of the youth in our communities.

Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem will open the evening event with a message about the impact of underage drinking in our community. Gloria Goodwin, will moderate panel led discussions about how to talk to your kids about drinking, the issue according to faith, treatment findings, medical brain research, and the college perspective. A group of teens from Project Extra Mile will also provide the youth's perspective and perform creatively to share their messaging. Special guests featured on the panel include: Pastor John Nelson, Dr. David Corbin, Lorelle Muetting, Angie Bellinghausen, Dr. Ed DeSimoni and two youth from Project Extra Mile. Numerous organizations will be on hand with information and resources related to the prevention of underage drinking in our community.

This year's theme is "Understanding the Puzzle Pieces of Underage Drinking." Dawna Hill, Project Director of LiveWise states: "This year's approach is to further help our communities understand the complexity of the underage drinking issue and the areas in which we can all do something proactive to change the outcomes."