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Steve Moak, Cofounder of notMYkid and Project 7th Grade, Appointed by President Bush to Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities Program

Phoenix, AZ (October 12, 2006) – Steve Moak, who co-founded notMYkid in 2000 and Project 7th Grade in 2003, has been appointed by President Bush to serve on the White House's Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities Program.

The commission advises the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) directs the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.

"I am honored and look forward to applying the invaluable experiences and resources gained through the notMYkid organization and the Project 7th Grade initiative to the mission of the Commission. I believe that the government should be more of a catalyst for drug-abuse prevention and that government should encourage private business to play a larger role in reducing drug abuse," said Steve Moak.

"The work of the Commission is critical to keeping the nation's citizens engaged in the never-ending fight against substance abuse. Local coalitions of health, prevention and treatment experts – and members of the community who care and are committed to making a difference – are the front lines in protecting our youth. The local support programs that are the focus of the Commission's work are critical to keeping those organizations alive, vibrant, and armed for this most important fight," he said.

Steve and Debbie Moak founded notMYkid after experience with drug abuse in their own family. They devoted their life's work to convincing parents to play a hands-on role in preventing their children from ever trying drugs, even once. notMYkid began holding educational workshops called "Project 7th Grade" for parents in the Phoenix area. Today, Project 7th Grade workshops are hosted by volunteers in communities large and small across the nation. And any parent who participates is provided an OTC drug test, courtesy of First Check Diagnostics (www.firstcheckfamily.com), free of charge.

For additional information visit www.project7thgrade.org or www.notMYkid.org.

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