

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FIFTEEN GIRLS TO BE HONORED**

Fifteen girls from the West Valley will be honored September 24 at a special event commemorating their participation and successful completion of an anti-drug program sponsored by the Isaac Anti-Drug Community Coalition and Touchstone Behavioral Health of Phoenix.

The fifteen girls, all age 16, and their schools are: Arizona Collegiate High School: Kaylee Moreno and Maria Ochoa; Beltran High School: Brandy Caballero; Carl Hayden High School: Gabriela Arroyo, Sarahi Blanco, Blanca Pulido; Cortez High School: Yanaisa Laurencio; Independence High School: Celeste Rocha; Maryvale High School: Brenda Ramirez and Diana Ramirez; North High School: Rocio Avila and Susana Jaimes; Sunnyslope High School: Sharnese Johnson; Trevor Browne High School: Dulee Ballesteros; West Phoenix High School: Patricia Ramirez.

The girls and their parents each signed a contract in order to participate in the program. Some of the aspects of the contract for the girls included attending classes, agreeing to live a drug and alcohol free lifestyle and volunteerism in the community.

Parents agree to support the teens in the program by not drinking alcohol in front of their children and also attending classes. Parents must also talk with their children about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

The honorees will be recognized at a Sweet Sixteen dance on September 24 from 6:30 to 11 pm at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, 7677 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix. They will perform a dance number as a group which they have choreographed and participate in a father/daughter dance. They will be presented with awards of recognition for completion of the required educational classes needed to participate in the Sweet Sixteen event.

The event will be totally alcohol-free, keeping with the tradition and inspiration of the Isaac Anti-Drug Community Coalition. The program and event is seen as a stepping stone in the right direction to leading an alcohol and drug-free life.

Touchstone Behavioral Health administered the program.