



## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE DURING HOMECOMING

Dear Maria,

Homecoming is a great time of year. There's football and dances for our youth. But, with Homecoming celebrations also comes more chances and pressures to drink alcohol.

As Fountain Hills students get ready for the big game and dance, here are 4 actions parents can take to prevent underage drinking.

### 1) Discuss your expectations about alcohol use.

Parents may feel anything they say to their teen goes in one ear and out the other. In fact, parents do influence teens' drinking decisions. Research shows children may interpret a parent's failure to talk about underage drinking as indifference, making them more likely to use alcohol. Have regular conversations with your teen about alcohol misuse, and specifically talk about it before events, like homecoming.

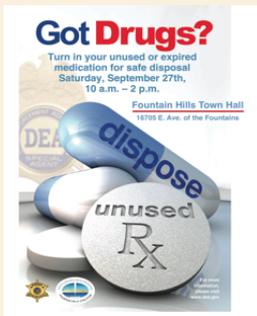
**2) Find out who your teen will be with and talk with the other students' parents.** Ask whether adults will be present if teens come by after the game or dance and check to see if the parents are signed up as a Safe Homes Network member.

### Provide a safe alcohol free after-party space.

3) Many students want the night to continue after the game or dance ends. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, Mary Ellen & Robert McKee Branch in Fountain Hills will host parties for students on September 26th after the game and on September 27th after the homecoming dance. Providing an alcohol-free environment allows the party to keep going safely.

### 4) Let your teen know you are "on call".

No matter what, some students will find themselves in situations where they are not comfortable on homecoming night. While parents should never condone underage drinking, it's important for teens to know they can call or text for help if they or their friends don't have a safe ride or are in danger.



## National Rx Take Back Day

Saturday, Sept. 27th  
10am - 2pm

Be sure to turn in your unused and expired prescriptions at FH Town Hall and help keep our youth safe.

*WELCOME  
to our new  
Safe Homes  
Network  
families!*

Donna Barelski  
Karen Berry  
Jeff & Julie Burns  
Carmella George  
Traci Goure  
Shelly Graham  
Sherri Hampton  
Tamara Helm  
Susan Hixson  
Patricia Hobley  
Marie Hoyt  
Sue Jenkins  
Miki & Jennifer

Friday Night Under the Lights continues with another \$500 drawing!



Jiminez  
Merita Kraya  
Andrew & Teresa  
Lahser  
Denise Regeski  
Carol Ricker-Bailey  
Robert Rossfield  
Deb Smith  
Bethany Traettino  
James Walters  
Haining Xia  
Maria Zeyouma

Winner Jeff Dallstream (center, along with Dwight Johnson and FH Coalition Director, Shelly Mowrey), generously donates the winnings to the FH Football Team.

This Friday- September 12th! Every person in attendance will receive a ticket to the \$500 drawing at the conclusion of the game. **LIKE US** on Facebook and you will receive an additional ticket to the drawing!



(Be sure to stop by the FH Coalition Table as you enter the game to receive your additional raffle ticket.)

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