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## **Harper Named State Award Winner**

*Cathy Jo Harper is honored as the 2007 Enrique Camarena Award Winner*

(Columbus, Ohio) Drug-Free Action Alliance announced today that Cathy Jo Harper, Coalition Coordinator for The Right Path in Washington County, has been named the 2007 Enrique Camarena Award winner.

Drug-Free Action Alliance established the Enrique Camarena Award in 1993 to recognize individuals who do an outstanding job in the field of alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention.

“What stood out about Cathy’s nomination was her passion, her commitment to the youth of Washington County and her desire to make a positive difference in their lives,” Drug-Free Action Alliance Executive Director Patricia Harmon said. “Cathy is a perfect recipient of this honor because it is awarded annually to the individual who goes above and beyond in prevention activities and exemplifies the concept that one person can make a difference.”

Enrique Camarena gave his life as an agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration in an effort to limit the supply of drugs illegally entering the United States. His family and friends wore red ribbons to his memorial service in 1985, which started the National Red Ribbon Celebration that is now held every October 23- 31. The red ribbon symbolizes a commitment to healthy drug free lifestyles, no use of illegal drugs and no illegal use of legal drugs.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio. Programs and initiatives include Know!, “Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking”, the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration. More information about the agency is available at: [www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org) and its Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration website is [www.drugfree24-7.org](http://www.drugfree24-7.org).

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Red Ribbon Celebration

College Initiative to Reduce  
High Risk Drinking

Ohio Resource Network  
Clearinghouse

Statewide Prevention  
Coalition Association

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most:  
Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Ohio Center for  
Coalition Excellence

Know!

Youth Philanthropy  
Council

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