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Shawnee Youth Coalition Partnering With “Make a Stand!” Lemon-aid to Help Area Kids Recover From Devastation

(Shawnee, OK) The Shawnee Youth Coalition and “Make a Stand! Lemon-aid are teaming-up to offer area children, their friends and families a break from the devastation caused by recent storms. The two groups are offering Relief in the Park, a day of fun, at Shawnee’s Woodland Park, from noon to 3:00 p.m. on June 14th. There will be inflatables, fun games, booths and activities for children including free lunch.

Everyone is welcome to attend. In addition to fun and games, people attending the event will have an opportunity to buy lemonade, the proceeds of which will be donated to the United Way of Pottawatomie County to benefit tornado relief.

The Shawnee Youth Coalition is a teen-based community service group from the middle school and high school, and part of community prevention efforts spearheaded by Gateway to Prevention and Recovery. Gateway to Prevention and Recovery is dedicated to provide community based behavioral health services that assist individuals and families with their emotional, behavioral, physical and spiritual well-being. They are part of the statewide network of Area Prevention Coordinators and funded in part by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Make A Stand! Lemon-aid is a unique organization started a year ago by, then eight-year-old, Vivienne Harr as a lemonade stand to raise money and take a stand against child slavery. Her efforts resulted in raising over \$100,000 to benefit the cause and sparked a movement, that led to a company, dedicated to changing the world. For more information about the company and Vivian’s story, visit the company web site at www.makeastandlemonade.com.

Lemonade stands at the Shawnee event will be operated by Shawnee Youth Coalition members, along with Vivienne Harr and Make a Stand! Lemon-aid.

On Thursday, the day before the Shawnee event, the Shawnee Youth Coalition and Make a Stand! Lemon-aid will visit Moore to help with clean-up operations there.

To learn more about the event, contact Jon Greenwood at Gateway by calling 405-570-1854, or Jenny Johnson at Make a Stand! Lemon-aid, 415-720-3900.

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