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AMA FOUNDATION AWARDS HEALTHY LIVING GRANT TO LOCAL ORGANIZATION

(CHICAGO) –Amistades, Inc. was recently awarded an American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation Healthy Living Grant to educate youth about prescription medication safety.

Amistades received the grant to launch an educational prescription medication safety and misuse campaign directed at high school students and their parents.

The 30 nonprofit community-based organizations that received grants will use the funding to create and conduct projects to educate youth on the dangers of misusing prescription medication. These projects were designed by the recipient organizations to meet the specific needs of the communities they serve.

Other funded projects include youth-led social media campaigns, workshops for health care professionals, parental toolkits, and e-learning modules, among other activities.

In 2012, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that prescription drug misuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States. A national survey released this year found that prescription drug abuse among youth has increased 33 percent over the past five years. This is the third year that the AMA Foundation has awarded grants to support prescription medication safety through its Healthy Living Grant Program.

This program was funded by an unrestricted grant from Purdue Pharma L.P. through its RxSafety Matters Campaign.

Visit www.amafoundation.org/go/healthyliving to learn more about this year's recipients.

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RxSafety Matters connects healthcare professionals, families, communities, and law enforcement officials with programs focused on fighting prescription medication abuse and theft. Learn more about RxSafety Matters at www.rxsafetymatters.com.

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