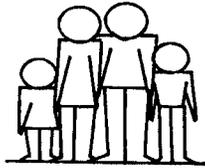


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A sub-committee to the board of selectmen since 1995, our mission is to seek out the help and support of the community to develop and implement programs to reduce risk factors associated with drug use, underage drinking, and violence. *Together We Can* (TWC) brings together organizations, schools, police, churches, businesses, families, youth, and adults to help keep our citizens more healthy, happy and safe. Part of goal is to also encourage and recognize young people who exemplify our mission with their personal contributions of time and effort to help their community, school and town.

TWC is most well known for its sponsorship of the annual post graduation celebration "Bon Voyage." Held June 3, 2011 at the Borough's YMCA in Westborough, this year's event had about 90% attendance of the Grafton High School class of 2011. Along with parents of senior and junior parents, TWC ensures the annual celebration continues with start up funds to reserve the facility and rental deposits for entertainment. Although promoted as the last gathering of their class, the true purpose of "Bon Voyage" is to provide a safe and fun event to reduce risks associated with underage drinking and driving under the influence often occurring on graduation night.

Other annual events TWC co-sponsored with school and town organizations 2010-11: provided awards for the Grafton High School Recognition Assembly with the support of Pepperoni Express; purchased glow in the dark items for Halloween Safety Program with Grafton Police Department and Grafton Elementary Schools; provided transportation to Skidz Skool, defensive driver training with Grafton High School Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) students at the National Safety Council in West Boylston in January; assisted the Grafton Gazebo Road Race in May with Grafton Recreation; sponsored to bus trips for away track meets and team uniform shirts for the Grafton Middle School Track Club; and the TWC scholarships awarded to Grafton High School students who exemplify our mission of community service and reducing underage alcohol use. *Together We Can* also has maintained increased participation with the Grafton High School SADD chapter by having a SADD member present at our monthly meetings. One program annually supported was cancelled due to weather: the Community Skate Party with Grafton Recreation, Grafton Fire Department and the Boy Scouts. Two other programs were cancelled due to construction of the new high school but will be resumed when it is finished: National Night Out with Grafton Police Department in held first Tuesday in August; Gazebo Road Race Fun Runs the first Saturday in May.

Grafton *Together We Can* welcomes new members from the Grafton Community who are interested in volunteering their help to meet our mission.