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## **RENZ CENTER RECOGNIZES NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN APRIL**

April, 2007-- Alcohol Awareness Month (AAM) is an annual observance that encourages local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues. AAM began as a way to inform the American public that alcoholism is a treatable disease, not a moral weakness, and that people who are addicted to alcohol can and do recover. To help promote this message, Renz Addiction Counseling Center is offering free alcohol screenings April 4-5 and a community forum on April 12, open to all Fox Valley residents.

First, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Renz Center will offer free alcohol screenings at their St. Charles location at 309 Walnut from 2-4pm. Free screenings will be available at Renz Center's Elgin location at Two American Way on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm and 4-6pm. Do you or someone you know have a problem with alcohol?

- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry your family?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did while drinking?
- Do you get headaches or have a hangover after drinking?

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If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, and want help call 847-742-3545 x1 to schedule a free alcohol screening.

Secondly, to help inform parents, educators, and legislators on the dangers of teen drinking and how to avoid them, Renz Addiction Counseling Center is co-sponsoring a forum entitled, "Underage Drinking: A Community Concern" Thursday, April 12, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Charles North High School on Red Gate Road. Topics to be discussed include:

- *The status of underage drinking and prevention strategies*
- *Legislative initiatives to ban the marketing of 'alcopops' to underage youth*
- *Meeting Kane County's needs for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services*

Underage drinking is a factor in numerous personal devastations and loss of life in Kane County not to mention the consequences to our schools, legal system, healthcare, and insurance premiums. The forum aims to begin the process of preventing these tragedies. Join Renz Center and other concerned Fox Valley residents as we join together to make our communities healthier and safer for all.

Renz Addiction Counseling Center provides a variety of prevention, early intervention and treatment programs for alcohol, drug and gambling addictions and related disorders. Renz Center serves residents of central/northern Kane and western Cook Counties with offices in St. Charles, Streamwood and Elgin. Renz Center is a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization and is funded by The Federal Government, The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, The United Way, Hanover Township and St. Charles 708 boards. For more information please contact Deb Howe at 847-742-3545 x236 or visit [www.renzcenter.com](http://www.renzcenter.com).

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