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Nauset Together We Can Prevention Council Risks Closure After More Than 20 Years Advocating for Youth

Call for Community Volunteers and Board Members to keep organization alive. Holding August 23rd recruitment meeting in Orleans.

Orleans, MA (August 15, 2016) The current Board of Nauset Together We Can Prevention Council (NTWC) has announced that due to extremely low membership and volunteer participation, the organization which has diligently worked for more than 20 years to advocate for the area's most underserved population, our young people, may be forced to dissolve and give up its 501(c)(3) designation.

In an effort to keep NTWC alive, the community is invited to an open meeting with the goal of recruiting and voting in members and a new Board of Directors on **Tuesday, August 23rd at 7pm in Orleans at The Old Firehouse Gallery space in the Orleans Community Center, 44 Main Street**. After September, the current Board will step down from service, so the call is out for volunteers to take over Board leadership and keep the non-profit organization alive.

Current Board co-Chair, Dave Reinhart, has a vested interest in keeping NTWC alive. "I know firsthand how desperately young people here need this organization. I was a youth member in high school and a young musician empowered by my time booking and playing shows at our former youth center, The Juice Bar. Young people here are struggling. I am lucky to have had NTWC growing up, but I've seen many young lives come apart or lost and our Lower Cape community providing fewer and fewer healthy outlets or opportunities. More than ever they need us - their community - to empower and support them. It's the only way we can face down the current opioid epidemic. Please take action and get involved."

Board Members volunteer their time and talents, meeting monthly, but are not expected to donate money to the organization. Available Board leadership positions are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Clerk. Board Members and Committee Chairs are sought for areas such as Development and Fundraising; Program and Event Development and Operations; Community Outreach and Networking; Communications, PR and Digital Support.

Former NTWC Board Chair, Amy Burke, encouraged involvement saying, "It feels good to know I have made a difference by being part of NTWC for the past three years. Nauset Together We Can has been supporting teens for more than twenty years. It has helped so many – it needs to continue on after the current Board steps down. We ask our community to please step up and carry on our leadership!"

If you want to get involved but cannot attend the August 23rd meeting, please email NTWC with your name, contact details and areas of interest at **nausettogetherwecan@gmail.com**

About Nauset Together We Can

Nauset Together We Can (NTWC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization representing the youth of the Lower Cape. NTWC came together more than 20 years ago and has been the force behind programs such as: Finch Skateboard Park in Orleans; Youth After School - an after-school drop-in program for middle school students in the Nauset region; a relationship-building seminar series between local police and local teens; and a teen center that hosted concerts, open mikes, art shows, homework help, enrichment classes and more. The Orleans Police Department noted that these successful youth programs had a significant impact on reducing youth related offenses in our communities. **www.nausettogetherwecan.org**