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Dear Friends,

Sometimes life is just plain hard..... loss is hard.... In March Drug Free Noble County experienced one of those just plain hard losses. Judge Michael Kramer, one of the original founders of DFNC and our Board Chairperson, unexpectedly passed away.

As I began thinking about this year's annual letter my mind just kept returning to him..... and then I realized.... DFNC's annual letter needs to be a celebration of Judge Kramer and a challenge to others to continue the work.

Judge Michael Kramer lived a life of purpose. He aligned his values and goals to make a positive impact not only in Noble County but across the nation. ***Reducing the use & abuse of alcohol, tobacco & other drugs in our community*** was not just a DFNC tag line to him....***it was his call to action.*** He believed in the effectiveness of DFNC's community coalition and the model of the "three-leg stool" of Justice, Treatment, Prevention working jointly.

Judge Kramer believed in justice and the need to hold individuals accountable... which meant of course that sometimes the right action was a prison sentence.... ***especially for those distributing poison in our communities.***

However, he also believed in leading with compassion and providing opportunities for second chances. He was integral in establishing Drug Court, Family Preservation Court, Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court not only in Noble County but throughout the nation. He believed that with effective treatment options, addiction did not have to be a "life sentence" ..... that recovery is not only possible, but with support networks in place....***Recovery is absolutely obtainable!***

Judge Kramer believed strongly in the power of prevention programs! He often repeated that ***"reaching our youth before they start using alcohol, tobacco & other drugs is an investment in our future!"*** He believed that ***Prevention work is essential to reducing the numbers of lives derailed by addiction.***

We at Drug Free Noble County are committed to continue working to reduce the use & abuse of alcohol, tobacco & other drugs in our community. So, what does Drug Free Noble County's 2026 future look like.... ***Drug Free Noble County is committed to honoring Judge Kramer's legacy by continuing to use proven and effective strategies to reach diverse audiences by:***

- ✓ Educating and empowering our youth to make good decisions about drug and alcohol use through effective prevention programs.
- ✓ Educating the public about the dangers and long term effects of drug & alcohol use/abuse
- ✓ Proactively addressing new trends in drug & alcohol use.
- ✓ Identifying treatment options for those with substance abuse disorders & the family members affected.
- ✓ Implementing proven & effective harm reduction strategies such as access to naloxone at public buildings & worksites.
- ✓ Assisting law enforcement and the courts with the tools they need to positively change lives already affected by drug & alcohol abuse

- ✓ Advocating for strong, effective laws to address the manufacture of meth, spice, heroin & other drugs
- ✓ Educating the public about current drug & alcohol laws & regulations

- ✓ Working with our partners to increase access to mental health & recovery services
- ✓ Continuing to ask the question...  
**What's your piece of the puzzle?**

**Every day is an opportunity to do something positive, something impactful....when you support Drug Free Noble County with your time, talent & treasure .....**

- **You intercede to connect our youth with prevention efforts**
- **You interrupt the distribution of drugs through justice partnerships**
- **You infuse those seeking help with recovery support**
- **You invest in solutions!!**

**Living a life of purpose involves having a clear sense of direction and meaning.  
Aligning your actions with your values and goals  
and making a positive impact on the world around you...  
making intentional choices that reflect what matters most to you...  
sometimes small and sometimes large.**

Prior to his passing Judge was working to establish a DFNC 365 Challenge Club. Essentially asking individual partners to make a small, intentional choice to support the work of Drug Free Noble County on an ongoing basis. **We at DFNC want to honor Judge Kramer with the establishment of the Judge Kramer 365 Challenge Club and invite you to be a partner.** Give a dollar a day for a gift of \$365 for the year that can be paid monthly, quarterly, or annually, whatever works best for your budget.

***You have the ability to be a part of future solutions..... You are a part of the story of prevention, the story of justice, the story of recovery....the story of YOUR local Drug Free Noble County coalition***

We are thankful for your previous support and ask you to continue to be a financial partner, big or small...every donation is important! I am specifically asking you to support the efforts of Drug Free Noble County with your partnership and your financial donation. Please take a moment to complete and return the enclosed donation form. Donations can be accepted via PayPal, Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover @ [www.dfnc.org](http://www.dfnc.org). Cash and or checks can be sent with the enclosed form or hand delivered to Drug Free Noble County (DFNC), 2090 N SR 9 Suite E, Albion, IN 46701.

***Remember.... TOGETHER we can create a better community for generations to come!***

Sincerely,

*John Dixon*

John Dixon, DFNC Vice-Chairman

**Thank you in advance for your continued financial support!**

***P.S. I wrote my check!***

**Submit your gift by mail, or electronically using the QR Code below or at <https://www.drugfreenoblecounty.org/donate>.**

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**DONATE and/or VOLUNTEER**

Yes, I'll support DFNC with my tax exempt gift of: \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_

\$1,000 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ Judge Kramer 365 Challenge Club \_\_\_

Yes, I would like to volunteer: \_\_\_join a DFNC committee \_\_\_volunteer for an event \_\_\_

assist in fundraising \_\_\_Other \_\_\_



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Please contact me. I am interested in: \_\_\_Having a speaker for an event \_\_\_Attending a Lunch & Learn \_\_\_Narcan/Addiction Training \_\_\_More information about DFNC \_\_\_Other \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your generous support of  
Drug-Free Noble County!**