Pembroke Titans Against Drugs (PTAD)



A community-based substance abuse prevention coalition

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To our Pembroke community and all of our allies and supporters,

"Just One."

This phrase has echoed through our efforts over the last decade. In fact, this is perhaps the phrase that we have said the most. It's been just over ten years since PTAD was incorporated as a 501(c)3 charitable organization and community coalition. For this milestone, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our current board members—Gina Boutwell, Cindy Wengryn, Hank Galligan, Steve Kirby, Allison Glennon, Erin Obey, and Joanne Earner—as well as our past board members, many sponsors (including Your Electrical Solution and North Easton Savings Bank - our current annual sponsors), Pembroke Public Schools, Pembroke Police Department, Pembroke Board of Selectmen, and all of our partners and supporters.

Thanks to our community and your unwavering support, PTAD has been able to make a difference in our Titan youth—empowering and educating, them to make healthy choices, while raising awareness about mental health and substance abuse, and reminding them that there is always help and a supportive community behind them if they need it. The hope that if we can make the difference in the life of "Just One" then it is all worth it. If we are able to bring a message to them that changes an otherwise negative path - from encouraging a sense of confidence in their individuality, or sharing a real-life story that hits home and makes them think about changing a behavior -then we have succeeded.

I am confident that we already have impacted more than "Just One." And that's all that matters. Our focus will always be on the next "Just One"—because whether it's hundreds of hours spent, thousands (or millions) of dollars raised, or pushing our town to take action —it's all worth it for "Just One."

Every individual who has contributed, officially or otherwise, has done so voluntarily. We are proud of the hard work, research, debates, fundraising, and awareness campaigns we have been a part of. Despite challenges, PTAD has consistently brought valuable resources to our community. A special thanks goes to the current Pembroke Public School administration. Our partnership has evolved and strengthened over the years, and now our youth have access to more resources, services, and positive messaging around their wellness than ever before.

It's heartwarming to see our kids wearing their PTAD t-shirts around town with pride. These shirts, given after our annual sixth-grade drug-free pledge day, remind them that our community cares about them, and that during their pledge, they cared about themselves. For us, it's proof that our message is being heard and is organically repeating reminders for all of our youth, and to all of us.

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If you'd like to learn more about what PTAD has accomplished, or have ideas for the future, please reach out via Facebook, Instagram (@titansagainstdrugs), email (PembrokeTAD@gmail.com), or visit our website <u>www.titansagainstdrugs.org</u>. There you can find information about our mission, goals, meeting calendar, and recent accomplishments. Feel free to contact me directly as well.

We are all in this together, and this is an incredible community to be part of. Thank you for your support as we continue to fight for "Just One" more. Whoever they are, they deserve it.

With sincere thanks, pride, and optimism,

Mike Cogburn PTAD Founder and Chairman <u>mike.cogburn@gmail.com</u> 781-718-2852

NOTE: If you, or any Pembroke resident, is struggling with feeling okay (aka mental health) or substance abuse and do not know where to start to get help, or need help with some of the leg work - please call Project Interface referral service at 888-244-6843 (toll free). This is a free service for all Pembroke residents, made possible with funding in partnership with PTAD and the Pembroke Public Schools.

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