



**Attorney General Keynote Speaker at Rx4Life Event** (September 22, 2009)

**Chewelah, WA** – Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna will deliver the keynote address at the Prescriptions for Life ‘Autumn Awareness Dinner,’ October 28, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Chewelah Golf and Country Club. Dinner tickets for the event are available until October 18th.

Prescriptions for Life (Rx4Life), the local, grassroots group that formed in early 2006 to educate about the dangers of prescription pain medication abuse, will release their new informational video on the topic, previewed earlier this year at the group’s spring fund-raiser. The video portrays a Chewelah-area family and tells the story of how prescription pain medication addiction takes away everything you love.

“What many people don’t realize is that this type of addiction can affect anyone, from any walk of life,” noted Rx4Life Board Member and Chewelah Police Chief Troy Anderson. “By speaking in schools and at special events, we hope this message is being heard.”

In just the last year, the group has presented to over 1,000 students and community members, most recently speaking at the 6th Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference, held this month in Spokane. The three-day conference for both practitioners and community members, provides information and research on best practice strategies to address drug endangered children issues at the community, state and national levels. Rx4Life was asked to participate as an example of what a grassroots community group can achieve when multiple agencies and concerned citizens work together for a common cause.

“We are grateful for the support of both community members and public agencies here in the region,” said Rx4Life Board Member Jim Tilla. “Our group is being held up as an example of the good that can be accomplished at the local level and that is an achievement the people in our area can be proud of.”

According to the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, prescription drug abuse is an epidemic, causing more deaths annually than meth, cocaine, and heroin combined.

“Prescriptions for Life does tremendous work educating the public – especially parents and young people – about the dangers of prescription drug abuse,” stated Attorney General Rob McKenna. “Through education, and through invaluable organizations like Prescriptions for Life, we’ll drive the message home: Prescription drugs can be just as addictive as street drugs – and even more lethal.”

For more information or to reserve a dinner ticket, call 935-4529 or go to [www.rx4lifechewelah.org](http://www.rx4lifechewelah.org).