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A Vision of Hope—Greene County DWI Court Named NCDC Academy Court

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March 11, 2011—At a press conference held in Greene County, Missouri, a recent DWI Court graduate noted that DWI Court “is a vision of hope.” Gary noted that DWI Court helped him turn his life around after 15 years of being in and out of jail because of alcohol. He went on to say: DWI Court “lets you know that you don’t have to live that way anymore.”

With this ringing endorsement and in the presence of numerous national, state and local dignitaries, the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) presented the Greene County DWI Court with a plaque naming it one of the four

NCDC DWI Academy Courts. DWI Academy Courts serve as primary NCDC training locations, hosting training and technical assistance sessions, and demonstrating best practices for visiting DWI Court professionals and teams.

The Greene County DWI Court is presided over by Commissioner **Peggy Davis** who works with a team of professionals to ensure that DWI offenders like Gary are held accountable and receive the



Judge Thomas Mountjoy, DWI Court Graduate Gary, Commissioner Peggy Davis, Chief Justice Ray Price, NCDC Director David Wallace

necessary treatment to change their behavior. In receiving the award, Commissioner Davis noted: “We are honored to be a part of this movement that is truly changing the way criminal justice works.

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Law enforcement showing its support for the Greene County DWI Court.



Commissioner Davis making some remarks during the presentation while the audience and media look on.



Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Price providing some comments during the ceremony.



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Today, people are afforded the opportunity to gain the skills they need in order to live in our community as sober, law-abiding, productive citizens.”

Chief Justice **Ray Price** from the Missouri Supreme Court also addressed those in attendance noting that having a DWI Court for the hardcore DWI offenders (repeat DWI offenders or those with a BAC of .15 or higher) is providing smart justice. “Repeat DWI offenders are dependent on alcohol and the best way to get them to change their behavior is to hold them accountable for their actions and require they attend long-term treatment,” said Justice Price. “Commissioner Davis and her team should be proud of the work they have done in rehabilitating these individuals and making our streets and highways safer places to drive. The Greene County DWI Court is a great example of how it can work.”



Gary, a graduate from the Greene County DWI Court, provides a few comments to those in attendance.



David Wallace, director of NCDC presenting the plaque to Commissioner Davis

Some of the dignitaries in attendance for the presentation included: **Susan DeCourcy**, Regional Program Manager, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); **Jackie Rogers**, Senior Systems Management Specialist, Missouri Department of Transportation; **Dan Wadlington**, Congressional Staffer for U.S. Senator Roy Blunt; **Mark Stringer**, Director, Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse; **Tom Hodges**, Chief State Supervisor, Division of Probation & Parole, Missouri Department of Corrections; **Jay Wasson**, Missouri State Senator; **Shane Schoeller**, **Lincoln Hough** and **Melissa Leach**, Missouri State Representatives; **Dan Patterson**, Greene County Prosecutor; numerous law enforcement officers including **Juan O. Villanueva**, Missouri State Highway Patrol Captain; **Jim Arnott**, Greene County Sheriff and **Paul Williams**, Springfield Police Chief; and judges from Greene County and the surrounding area.