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Concho Valley CARES Coalition Announces Its Member of the Year Winners

The **Concho Valley CARES Coalition** is proud to announce its Adult and Youth CARES Members of the Year. **Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Shawn Baxter** was elected as the **Adult CARES Member of the Year** by a large margin. High school student, **Roy Rodriguez**, was elected as the **Youth CARES Member of the Year**. The winners were announced at the Second Annual Drug-Free Communities Progress Luncheon, which took place on Thursday, December 9, 2010. Also recognized were the coalition **Chair, Vice Chair, and Youth CARES Facilitator**; they are **Dr. Kenneth Stewart, Sammy Sablan, and Deanna Watkins**, respectively.

The CARES Coalition used the luncheon as an opportunity to distribute copies of their **2010 Annual Report** titled ***Success is...Putting the Pieces Together***. The report highlights both the impacts CARES has made this year, and some of our plans and goals for this coming year in addressing our community's substance abuse problems. To obtain a free copy of the report, contact Paulette Schell at paulettes@adaccv.org.

In March 2007, Bishop Michael Pfeifer founded the Concho Valley CARES coalition. The CARES mission is to eliminate substance abuse through community effort. Now a coalition of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley, Concho Valley CARES boasts a collaboration of over 40 agencies and individuals that crosses nearly all sectors of our community. For more information, visit www.cvcares.org or call 325-224-3481.

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