

# SCGOVNEWS

Sarasota County Communications  
scgov.net | 941-861-5000



NEWSROOM

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

E-NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

Oct. 5, 2012

**Media contact:** Liz Bumpus, 941-861-2964; cell 941-356-1167; [Liz\\_Bumpus@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Liz_Bumpus@doh.state.fl.us)

**Project contact:** Diane Ramseyer, 941-650-4856; [diane@chip4health.org](mailto:diane@chip4health.org)

## Youth-oriented documentary filmed in North Port and featuring community residents to premiere locally on Oct. 17

"The Silent Majority," a film highlighting the positive choices that teens and college students are making to stay drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free, will debut locally at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the North Port Performing Arts Center, 6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port. Admission is free and the showing – the first in Florida -- is open to the public.

The film was produced and directed by critically acclaimed producer Leslie Glass and hosted and co-authored by her daughter, Lindsey Glass. The mother-daughter filmmaking team are founders of Reach Out Recovery, a nonprofit dedicated to reframing the national dialogue on addiction and recovery. Leslie Glass also produced the film, "The Secret World of Recovery."

Community initiatives designed to help young people to choose health over getting high are featured in the film, including North Port Drug Free Youth (D-Fy), Watch Your BAC, Teen Court, and Road Recovery.

"The Silent Majority" was first screened Washington, D.C., in April, and already has garnered much interest in the locally initiated North Port D-Fy and Teen Court.

"The film highlights how millions of at-risk teens and their families make good choices that can be contagious," said NP D-Fy spokesperson Monica Becket. "NP D-Fy members were filmed during one of our sign-up and 'Tag-It' events at the Morgan Family Community Center."

Local officials and community members were interviewed in the film. Since the start of the NP D-Fy in May 2010, more than 1,400 North Port teens have signed a commitment to be drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free. Now, several other local communities in Venice and Sarasota, and in DeSoto County are forming similar D-Fy chapters.

Major sponsors of the film showing are the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Reach Out Recovery. Additional support is provided by Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and the North Port Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (NP-ASAP).

For more information, visit [www.silentmajoritythemovie.com](http://www.silentmajoritythemovie.com).

