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notMYkid celebrates 10th Anniversary with a Disco Party and Gala.

Phoenix – On Saturday, May 1, guests from across the Valley strutted into the Montelucia Resort and Spa in their platform shoes ready to groove. The night was the 10th Anniversary Party and Gala for Valley-based nonprofit notMYkid, a 501(3)(c) that educates students, parents, and faculty about teen behavioral issues.

More than 400 people attended the 70's themed event, co-chaired by Lisa Henry-Holmes and Jill Woods, which raised more than \$300,000 for the organization. With the recent and impending budget cuts for schools on the federal and state level, many schools are left without money for prevention programs. The funds raised at the event will help to ensure that notMYkid can continue to help educate Arizona students and parents about the dangers teens face each day.

Founder Debbie Moak also spoke at the event, talking about supporters and staff past and present. After she spoke she introduced two special guests: a past and a present notMYkid speaker. Each speaker made moving presentations about what they had been through and how notMYkid helped them in their recovery.

“I could not be where I am today without notMYkid,” said former notMYkid speaker and ClearChoices coordinator, Bobby, “and notMYkid couldn't be where it is today without it's supporters. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me and giving me the opportunity to help others.”

NotMYkid, founded in 2000, is dedicated to inspiring positive life choices by educating our community about the consequences of destructive youth behaviors. Young adults who have overcome life-controlling addictions and behaviors share their personal stories with middle and high school students. In an effort to promote our prevention message we educate adults on the same addictions and destructive behaviors. Our goal is to increase awareness of the challenges kids face, provide information and offer resources to support the success of students, families and educators. For more information about notMYkid please visit www.notMYkid.org or contact Jill Woods at 602-652-0163.

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