



## Drug Free Community Coalition

*A community alliance working toward a healthy, substance-free environment for youth.*

### Press Release

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**MLK Day On, Not Day Off**

**Community Protects Identity, Returns Prescription Drugs**



Photo: courtesy NCDP by Debra Robertson

Making it a “day on” instead of a “day off” local agencies collaborated to protect the community. From left: Vicky Solomon, Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention; David Smith, Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District; and Jim Bliss, Roland Picard and Dan Barnes, Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, volunteer their services to take returned prescription drugs and sensitive documents for destruction. Keeping drugs out of teens hands and documents away from identity thieves helps keep the community a safer place to live. This annual event is hosted to honor Martin Luther King Day of Service. Participants not pictured: Melissa Kenchiova, PLPD, and Debra Robertson, NCDP. Six pounds of drugs were returned and \$52 was donated to NCDP.

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*Vision Statement:*

*Engaging the community to respond to substance abuse issues by implementing strategies that transform community attitudes, perceptions and policies*