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***ACMH HOSPITAL CELEBRATES
GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE-OUT***

KITTANNING, Pa. — On November 20th, over 50 people gathered on the ACMH Hospital Campus to celebrate an Armstrong County Tobacco alert in conjunction with the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-out.

"The ACMH Foundation sponsored this bonfire event to raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco use", stated ACMH Foundation Chairman J. Gary DeComo. Tobacco kills more people than alcohol, drugs, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fires and AIDS combined.

The Ford City Boy Scout Troop 670 constructed the site for the bonfire. The bonfire was kindled with numerous empty cigarette cartons that were collected at stores in the surrounding area. Students at Kittanning High School and Ford City High School constructed ten-foot simulated cigarettes.

In addition, all 5th, 6th and 7th graders in the Armstrong School District were given a Drugs Kill Dreams bag with educational materials and were shown an educational video about the dangers of tobacco use.

Representatives from ACMH Hospital, the American Cancer Society, Arc Manor, Armstrong/Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission, District Attorney Scott Andreassi, Sheriff Larry Crawford, and the PA State Police and the East Franklin Township Fire Department were in attendance.

"ACMH Hospital is a leader in promoting responsible and healthy behavior in our community," stated John Lewis, President of the ACMH Hospital.

For more information about the ACMH Foundation, call 724.543.8850 or visit our website at www.acmh.org/healthfoundation.

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