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*“Saving Lives by Empowering Youth to be Drug Free”*

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*The Courage to Speak*  
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Dear Friend:

This is a plea for you to join with us in an important upcoming event: The Fifth Annual **Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night**. This festive event will again spotlight the outstanding work of Norwalk's fourth and seventh graders in the Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Curriculum and honor their parents. It will take place on **Monday March 30, 2009, at West Rocks Middle School at 5:30 PM.**

Joining the families for a dinner are Norwalk's Mayor Richard Moccia and Chief of Police Harry Rilling. Chief Rilling. Also present will be Norwalk's School Superintendent Dr. Sal Corda, principals, and prevention curriculum teachers from Norwalk schools, business and community leaders, representatives of state and local government, and our Board of Directors.

The evening will include **The Courage to Speak Presentation for Parents and Students**. On display will be the remarkable posters and collages created by the children during their drug prevention classes. It's just part of how The Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Curriculum is helping the students to become outstanding anti-drug advocates and mentors for their friends and younger siblings.

Presentation of The Courage To Speak Community Leadership and Recognition Awards will be a highlight.

**Bringing students and parents together to speak openly and honestly about the dangers of drugs is our most important goal.** A recent report reveals that almost half of teens say they have been offered drugs. But less than one-third of their parents believe their child has been exposed to them. Teens who learn about the risks of drugs and are encouraged to talk about them at home are far more likely to refuse them.

The enclosed Sponsorship Form will explain several categories of sponsorship: *Platinum, Gold and Silver*. We are proud to announce that Affinion Group is our Title Sponsors and we are very excited that several businesses have already become sponsors: PATRIOT NATIONAL BANK, Webster Bank, H. L. Jay Associates, Smart Cycles, Concord Industries, Continental Manor, Pepperidge Farm, Inc., 1400 WSTC/1350 WNLK, Gateway Graphics and The Hour Newspapers.

**The Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night** will be highly publicized in local papers, radio, TV and electronic media. Details of the many Public Relation benefits of sponsorship packages and agreement forms are enclosed. We hope that this year you will join with us and other individuals and business leaders in empowering our children to be drug free.

Sincerely,

*Ginger Katz*

CEO and Founder of the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc.®