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## **KATZ TO ADDRESS NATIONAL GHB CONFERENCE**

Ginger Katz, Founder & CEO of The Courage to Speak Foundation and author of the recently released book, *Sunny's Story* is speaking on Breaking the Code of Silence: Ending Denial at the 2007 International GHB & Chemical Drug Conference in Arlington, Texas from March 23-25, 2007.

GHB Conference committee members and organizers include: Trinka Porrata, Project GHB President from Arizona; John Lyons, SFST/DRE & Investigator, Johnson County Attorney's Office in Texas; James Brown, Demand Reduction Coordinator for DEA in Dallas, Texas; Karen Miotto, M.D., UCLA, School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California; Dan Anderson, a toxicologist with the Los Angeles Coroner's Office; Michael Gibson, M.D., Professor, Pediatrics and Pathology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Louise Logue, Ottawa Police Service, Canada; Marc LeBeau, FBI Crime Lab, Washington, D.C.; Pascal Kintz, President, The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, France; Marc Gonzales, President, California NADDI; Jo Ellen Dyer, California Poison Control System; and, Deborah Zvosec, PhD, Minnesota Medical Research Foundation.

Katz has been a tireless advocate on behalf of children and teens since the death of her son and only child, Ian, as the result of a drug overdose. In addition to founding The Courage to Speak Foundation with the support and assistance of her husband, Larry, she has been instrumental in the creation and development of drug abuse prevention curriculum for elementary schools, middle schools, and high school in Norwalk, CT. Ginger has spread her powerful message of overcoming denial and improving communication in more than 850 talks reaching nearly 500,000 persons nationwide over 10 years.

The Courage to Speak Foundation is dedicated to saving lives by empowering children to be drug free. For information on work of the agency, whether serving as a volunteer or offering other support, please call 203-866-5282 or email [gkcourage@aol.com](mailto:gkcourage@aol.com) and visit the Website at [www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org)