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

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Dear Friend:

I am writing you to let you know about an exciting upcoming event: The Second Annual **Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night**. This festive event will again spotlight the outstanding work of Norwalk's seventh graders in the Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Curriculum and their parents. It will take place on **Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at West Rocks Middle School at 5:30 PM. Snow date March 14, 2006.**

Joining the families for a dinner donated by Wild Oats are Norwalk's Mayor Richard Moccia and Deputy Chief of Police Mark Palmer whose police station was instrumental in getting us drug dealer forfeiture monies to help support our curriculum. Emcee for the event is Deputy Minority Leader; Larry Cafero. Also present will be School Superintendent Sal Corda, principals and prevention curriculum teachers from all of Norwalk's middle schools, business and community leaders, representatives of state and local government our Board of Directors and **our guest, June Stansbury, Special Agent in Charge of the New England Division of the DEA and Dr. Tom Kirk, CT Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services.**

The evening will include **The Courage to Speak Presentation for Parents and Students**. On display will be the remarkable prevention posters and collages created by the children during their prevention classes. As you will see, 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 talk openly and honestly about the dangers of drugs is our most important goal.** A recent report from the Partnership for a Drug Free America reveals that almost half of teens say they have been offered drugs. But less than one-third of parents of teens believe their child has been exposed to drugs. Teens who learn about the risks of drugs at home are 57% more likely to refuse them. The Courage To Speak through its programs helps children lead drug free lives and helps their parents to support them to make healthy choices.

The enclosed Sponsorship Form will explain the three categories of sponsorship: *Platinum, Gold and Silver*. We are proud to announce that Patriot Bank is our Title Sponsor and we are very excited that several businesses have already become sponsors: Webster Bank, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, H. L. Jay Associates, Sound Solutions, Smart Cycles, Dooney and Bourke, Inc., Norwalk YMCA, Pepperidge Farm, Continental Manor, JetBlue Airways and Wild Oats.

**The Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night** will be highly publicized in *The Hour* as well as local papers 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