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## The Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc.

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The Courage To Speak Foundation, Inc. "*Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free*"

### **"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"**

Family Night Monday Night  
March 31, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Announcing the Fifth Annual Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night. "Knowledge is Power"; learn how you can protect your child from the dangers of drug use. The event will take place on Monday, March 30, 2009, at West Rocks Middle School in Norwalk, CT at 5:30 PM. Address 81 West Rocks Rd, Norwalk. *Snow date March 31.*

Joining the families for a dinner are Norwalk's Mayor Richard Moccia and Chief of Police Chief Harry Rilling and Superintendent Dr. Sal Corda. Emcee for the event is Republican House Leader, Larry Cafero. Also present will be principals and prevention curriculum teachers, business and community leaders, representatives of state and local government and our Board of Directors.

The highlight of the evening will be the students' readings of their drug prevention messages. The program will also include The Courage to Speak Presentation for Parents and Students presented by Ginger Katz, Founder of the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. On display will be the children create the remarkable posters and collages during their drug prevention classes. All of this is just a part of how *The Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Curriculum* is helping our students become outstanding anti-drug advocates and mentors for their friends and younger siblings.

Bringing students and parents together to talk 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 parents of teens believe their children have been exposed to drugs. Yet, teens that learn about the risks of drugs at home are 57% more likely to refuse them.

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We hope that this year you will join with us and other business leaders in empowering our children to be drug free. For more information visit [www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org) and call 1-877-431-3295.