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Dear Friends:

Welcome and thank you for attending the 7th Annual *Courage to Speak Empowering Youth to be Drug Free Family Night*.

It's about one thing – bringing children and parents together to talk openly and honestly about the dangers of drugs.

We know the pain of watching drugs take a child's life. The Courage to Speak® Foundation exists to prevent another family from feeling the heartbreak of losing a child. We want you to see and feel the danger that is present before it becomes a disaster.

How I wish this night - this meeting - was available when my son Ian was still alive.

A drug overdose killed him. He was only 20.

For the past 14 years, we've told Ian's story to hundreds of thousands of parents and children here in Connecticut and across the nation.

We know that the Courage to Speak live presentations, videos, and drug prevention curriculum your child participated in this year have saved lives.

Students tell us after each program "I'll never do drugs. I didn't really know how bad they could be." We're here to help you make sure your children get this message in their heart as soon as possible, and before it's too late.

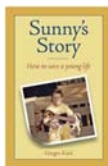
So enjoy the evening, be proud of what your child has accomplished, learn everything you can about drugs and how they can affect your child. And, in the future, sign up for our new program called *Courage to Speak -Courageous Parenting 101®*, available in English and Spanish, for parents only.

Please don't endure the pain we did — and thank you for taking this step towards saving your child's life and achieving the mission we all share:

Saving lives by empowering youth to be drug free and encouraging parents to communicate effectively with their children about the dangers of drugs.

Ginger Katz

CEO and Founder and Author of *Sunny's Story*



Don't forget to pick up your signed copy of *Sunny's Story* in the lobby tonight!

P.S. Your support in buying **raffle tickets** is deeply appreciated. I hope, that in the future, we can count on you to become a Friend of the Courage To Speak® Foundation by volunteering, making a donation or coming to our Family Night every year. Our young people need you.

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The Courage To Speak Empowering Youth To Be Drug Free Family Night— March 15, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.:

Dinner and display of student posters and letters

Dinner Host

John LaBarca, Host of *The Fairfield County News Weekdays* and *Italian House Party* on WNLK1400/WSTC1350

"Operation Medicine Drop"

In the cafeteria at West Rocks Middle School

6:15 p.m: Sunny's Story Book Signing

6:25 p.m: Raffle Drawing and Announcement

By Larry Katz and Chief of Police, Harry Rilling

6:30 p.m.—8:15 p.m: Program

In the Auditorium

Introduction

Peter J. Corbett, Chairman of The Courage to Speak Foundation

Emcee for the Evening

Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., House Minority Leader
CT House of Representatives

Speakers

Mayor Richard Moccia
Chief of Police Harry Rilling
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Marks

Student Presentations

The Courage To Speak Awards for 2011

Presenting the Awards is Larry Katz, Co-Founder of The Courage To Speak Foundation

The Courage To Speak Community Recognition Award

The Courage To Speak Community Leadership Award

The Courage To Speak Volunteer of the Year Awards

Our Special Guest Speaker

Patricia Rehmer, MSN
Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Dr. Lynne Moore, Principal West Rocks Middle School

THE COURAGE TO SPEAK PRESENTATION

Ginger Katz, CEO and Founder of The Courage To Speak Foundation

8:15 p.m: Sunny's Story book signing and chat in Lobby

Thank you to all of our sponsors, friends, committee members, volunteers, board members, teachers, principals, students, parents, and other supporters of The Courage To Speak Foundation.

A special thank you to Dr. Lynne Moore, West Rocks Middle School for hosting *Courage to Speak – Courageous Parenting 101* in Spanish in 2010-2011.



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THE COURAGE TO SPEAK® FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM

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