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Dear Friend:

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This is a plea for you to join with us in an important upcoming event: The Fourth 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 24, 2008, at West Rocks Middle School at 5:30 PM. Snow date March 31, 2008.**

Joining the families for a dinner donated by Whole Foods Market are Norwalk's Mayor Richard Moccia and Chief of Police Harry Rilling. Chief Rilling, Norwalk Police Department, was instrumental in getting The Courage To Speak Foundation drug dealer forfeiture monies to help support our curriculum. Emcee for the evening will be Larry Cafero, House Republican Minority Leader and advocate for drug prevention. Also present will be Norwalk's School Superintendent Dr. Sal Corda, principals, and prevention curriculum teachers 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 the three categories of sponsorship: *Platinum, Gold and Silver*. We are proud to announce that PATRIOT NATIONAL BANK and the Affinion Group are our Title Sponsors and we are very excited that several businesses have already become sponsors: Concord Industries, Gateway Graphics, H. L. Jay Associates, MBI, Pepperidge Farm, Inc., Smart Cycles, The Hour Newspapers, Webster Bank, Whole Foods Market, and 1400 WSTC/1350 WNLK.

The Courage To Speak Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free Family Night will be highly publicized in newspapers, 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