

# Courage to Speak Foundation

Saving Lives by Empowering Youth to be Drug Free

## The Courage to Speak Foundation Newsletter

February 2009

Welcome to our second issue!

Family Night 2009 The Courage to Speak Foundation IN THE NEWS Courageous Parenting 101 Sunny's Story

#### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

Dear Friend of The Courage to Speak Foundation:

SAVE THE DATE Monday, MARCH 30, 2009 Snow date: March 31, 2009

> The 5th Annual Courage To Speak "Empowering Youth to be Drug Free" Family Night "Knowledge is Power"

Join us for a great evening of dinner, family, The Courage to Speak Presentation, and other important information...

Pasta Dinner from 5:30 PM at West Rocks Middle School, 81 West Rocks Road, Norwalk View students' display of letters and artwork Program starts at 6:30 PM

The highlight of the evening will be the students' readings of their drug prevention messages. Other featured speakers will also present valuable information. Learn How Together We Are Saving Young Lives!

RSVP to gkatz@couragetospeak.org

For more information contact Ginger Katz, Founder & CEO of Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. akatz Couragetospeak.org 1-877-431-3295

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## Become a Sponsor of FAMILY NIGHT 2009

At the heart of this event is The Courage to Speak Foundation's Mission: Saving lives by empowering youth to be drug free. The 2009 event will

### Courageous Parenting 101

"NEW" Drug Prevention Program for Parents

The Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. has developed a new program for

take place on Monday March 30, at West Rocks Middle School at 5:30 PM.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES and ATTENDING FAMILY NIGHT 2009, <u>CLICK HERE</u>

IN THE NEWS... The Courage to Speak Foundation

Featured on FOX NEWS: Mommy Minute December 22, 2008 VIEW NEWS CLIP HERE

Featured on News Channel 8 Courageous Parenting 101 VIEW NEWS CLIP HERE

Featured in the HARTFORD COURANT Teen Drug Use: A Deadly Conspiracy Of Silence by Rick Green, Hartfort Courant

**CLICK HERE to read article** 

Featured in THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE Knowledege is Power by Camilla A. Herrera CLICK HERE to read article

Featured on NEWS 12 CABLEVISION of CONNECTICUT Special Report on Prescription Drugs CLICK HERE to view news video parents called Courageous Parenting 101. The program is a free fivesession substance abuse education and prevention program for parents wishing to arm themselves with the knowledge of how to keep their children safe.

The course covers:

Teen drug use trends and party culture; Drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and its psychological consequences;

Protective, psychological and developmental guidance to help reduce the risk of substance abuse;

Dangers of enabling and hands-off parenting;

Communication and listening strategies;

How to help your child handle stress;

Warning signs;

The power of denial;

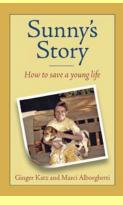
Practical steps if use or abuse is suspected;

Parenting styles;

Sources of help and more...

**<u>CLICK HERE</u>** to view our current Schedule of Courageous Parenting 101 Programs. For Facilitator training information call 1-877-431-3295.

Please contact the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. at 1-877-431-3295 or email <u>gkatz@couragetospeak.org</u> for additional information.



**SUNNY'S STORY** How to Save a Young Life is a true and compelling story for children, teenagers, parents, grandparents, and teachers written by Norwalk, CT resident, Virginia "Ginger" Katz, who has brought new life to her message of empowering youth to be drug free. *Sunny's Story* tells of joyful times and sad times, and of how a dog's best friend was needlessly lost. The family beagle and narrator, Sunny, is a keen and intelligent observer of the

animal shelter and ending with a futile effort to ward off disaster.

Sunny's Story is a stand-alone book for children of all ages and thier parents, and is also part of the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. Substance Abuse Prevention Education Curricula. The book's story of love, compassion, caring and understanding is universal.

CLICK HERE to read FIVE STAR REVIEWS about Sunny's Story

*Sunny's Story* may be purchased on our website <u>www.couragetospeak.org</u> or by calling, 1.877.431.3295 or e-mailing <u>akatz@couragetospeak.org</u>.

Visit us at our website today:

www.couragetospeak.org

**CLICK HERE** for the Courage To Speak website

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

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#### **Ginger Katz**

CEO & Founder

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