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

"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"

Family Night Monday Night

March 30, 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 you 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, 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**. On display will be the children's remarkable posters and collages that they've created during their drug prevention classes. All of this is just a part of how the **Courage To Speak Drug Prevention Curriculum for children** in the elementary and middle school that is helping our students become outstanding anti-drug advocates and mentors for their friends and younger siblings. 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.

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 hopes you will sponsor our event and help us empower our children to be drug free. For more information visit www.couragetospeak.org and call 1-877-431-3295.