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Dear Mrs. Katz,

After reading Sunny's Story, I got a better understanding about drugs and its affect on young families. I loved how you put the story in Sunny's perspective, and how in the beginning you wrote about how Larry came and went and then came back again with you and Ian to adopt Sunny. Through this story I was deeply affected by the way Ian would lie more and more to you about his drugs and drug usage over time. As Ian aged through the story I could see his life changing, slipping away from his grasp, as he turned from a sweet child to a drugged teenager. As Ian began drugs I was surprised to read that Ian thought his parents, you and Larry, didn't love him and that the drugs would help him! What was understandable to me was that Ian thought drugs were cool because of the way they make you feel, so he did them more and more. I was sad but not surprised when Ian's life began to end, I believe this was his choice to leave his life because of fear and misunderstanding of being unloved and unwanted. He changed his life and couldn't get help so his decision took a dramatic turn on him and his family.

This book impacted my life by completing my understanding of drugs and their dangers. Now I know how to protect myself and others from these horrible drugs. To protect myself from drugs I will stay away from drug sellers and any bad drug users. I will also put down offers for drugs no matter what people say, and get help from my parents if I feel very persuaded. I will help others by getting them to stay away from very dangerous drugs such as heroin, cocaine, and marijuana by informing them about what drugs can do to a person. I will also inform my friends parents if he or she is taking drugs so his/her parents can be aware and can handle their child. I can also help myself and others by calling the police on any drugs sellers or users, so they can be properly fined, informed about their deeds, and punished.

Your Friend,
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