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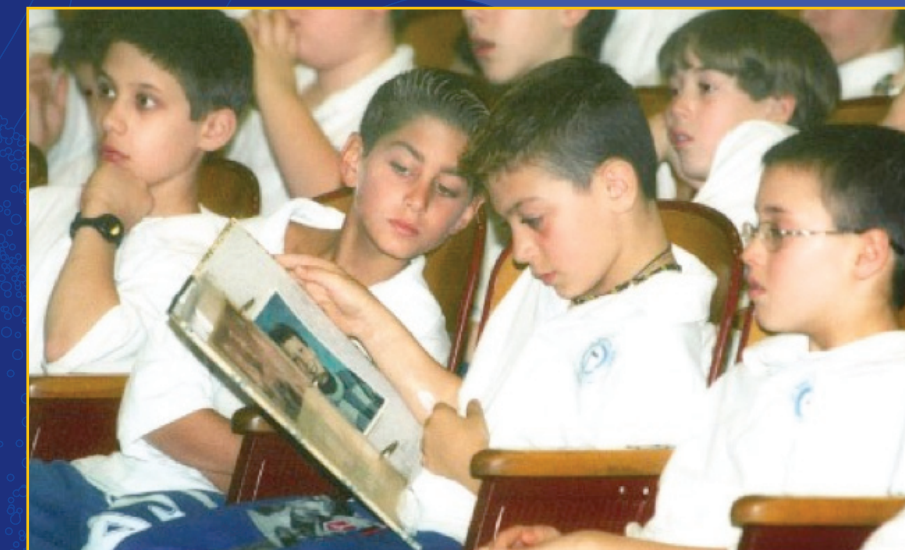
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The Courage to Speak 2009 Family Night Program





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Dear Friends:

Thank you for attending the Fifth Annual Courage to Speak “Empowering Youth to be Drug Free” Family Night. It’s all about the most effective way you and I have to save young lives: Parents talking to their children openly and honestly about the danger of drugs.

We promise you an evening’s experience that’s not only informative, but fun, too! You’ll hear interesting speakers and see a display of student art, and listen to the children make their vow not to do drugs.

However, what the fun is really about is a very serious concern we all have: Keeping young lives and families from being destroyed by drugs. This is the purpose of The Courage To Speak Foundation and the continuing fulfillment of my promise to my son Ian’s memory: That I would never stop telling his story.

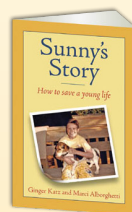
Ian died a tragic and unnecessary death from a drug overdose at the age of 20, in 1996. For over twelve years, we have carried Ian’s message to over a half a million young people in schools and to their parents here in Connecticut and nationally. We know that The Courage to Speak live presentations, video, and the drug prevention curriculum your child has participated in this year have saved so many kids. They come to us after the program and tell us, “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 learn this life altering message.

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 for you called Courageous Parenting 101, for parents only. Let’s work together to empower all of our children to be drug free and together we can make a difference.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being here tonight.

Ginger Katz

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** will be deeply appreciated. I hope that in the future we can count on you to become a Friend of The Courage To Speak 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 30, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m:

Dinner and display of student posters and letters
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 Corbett, Chairman of the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc

Emcee for the Evening

Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., House Minority Leader

Speakers

Mayor Richard Moccia
Chief of Police Harry Rilling
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sal Corda
Mayor William Finch, Bridgeport, CT

Student Presentations

The Courage To Speak Awards for 2009

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

The Courage To Speak Community Leadership Award

Dr. Thomas A. Kirk, Commissioner, CT Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Courage To Speak Community Recognition Award

Herb Jay
Timothy Downing – Brookside Elementary School Teacher
Jeremy Dane – Nathan Hale Middle School Teacher
Lois Snelson – Roton Middle School Teacher
Pat Vigilio – Ponus Middle School Teacher
York Mario – West Rocks Middle School Teacher
Andrew Lavaway – Side by Side Community School Teacher
Dawn Schirizzo – Beardsley School Teacher
Nicole Vetter – Beardsley School Teacher
Adam Bell – Cesar Batalla School Teacher

The Courage To Speak Volunteer of the Year Award

Jim Sibley & Marvin Simmons

Our Special Guest

Dr. Thomas A. Kirk, Commissioner, CT Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Dr. Lynne Moore, Principal West Rocks Middle School

THE COURAGE TO SPEAK PRESENTATION

Ginger Katz, CEO and Co-Founder
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8:15 p.m: *Sunny’s Story* Book Signing

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