

Friday, April 27, 2001

Ms. Shannon Cote  
Provincial Community Coordinator  
Community Mobilization Program  
401-5021 Kingsway,  
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4A5

Dear Ms. Cote,

**Re: The Community Mobilization Program, A short letter of support for: Courage to Change Foundation:**

I am well aware of the principles of this organization and their great passion of speaking to kids about drug addiction. These are people who are recovered addicts and now with great integrity and great power are able to share their stories. They have had a major impact on kids in school. This is the kind of program that we would like the Community Mobilization Program to support and empower. Having been in the Downtown Area and working in the marketplace for 14 years I believe this is one of the most effective tools taking on the drug issue with young people today.

The Courage to Change Foundation was founded in February 1999 and received an initial donation of computer software & computers from a corporate donor: Mindware Design Communications. It has also received funding from City in Focus. Courage to Change made its first school presentation in October 2000 and makes 1-2 presentations every week. It is now self-sustaining through this crucial first year through honorariums, of \$200 - \$300 per presentation, from all the schools.

City in Focus has helped the foundation for resources and presenters of the program. The Courage to Change Foundation is part of a newly formed collective of organisations - The Network of Urban Workers. They are also working with two parents' groups Grief to Action and Parents Forever.

We have enjoyed working with Chan Ramcharan and are happy to support him and his work. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Cooper  
Executive Director  
City in Focus

cc: Chan Ramcharan, Executive Director, The Courage to Change Foundation.