

FROM GRIEF TO ACTION: Families and Friends of Drug Users

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the Courage to Change Foundation, and their program "Don't Buy the Lie about Getting High".

From Grief to Action (FTGA) is an association of parents whose sons or daughters are suffering from the illness of drug addiction. The purposes of the society are outlined in the attached, including a very important one that says: "to promote effective educational programs designed to prevent drug abuse and uphold abstinence as an ideal".

While as parents we are powerless to change the decisions made by our children, we want to do everything we can to support programs that can help prevent those bad decisions being made, by giving kids and parents the true facts and a long-term view of drug use.

Recently FTGA was made aware of a prevention program for Secondary school children called "Don't Buy the Lie About Getting High" developed and presented by the Courage to Change Foundation. One of our committee members viewed this presentation at a high school and was profoundly moved by the honesty of the content, the sincerity of the presenter, and the practical message it delivered to the kids.

Subsequently, an abbreviated version was presented to the FTGA Committee and everyone was impressed with how this particular prevention program exposes the deception surrounding drug use and abuse. It was unanimously agreed that FTGA would endorse "Don't Buy the Lie About Getting High" as a program we would like to see delivered to kids, as it complements the aims identified in our goal of prevention.

We look forward to working closely with The Courage To Change Foundation on future endeavours, as we know education is the key to prevention!

Yours truly



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