



November 10, 2000

Mr. Joe Roberts
The Courage To Change Foundation
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Dear Joe,

I want to express my thanks for coming to our school to present "Don't Buy the Lie About Getting High". Your presentation is direct, relevant and powerful. Students are given the straight story about the dangers of buying into the lies surrounding drug experimentation and where it can lead them. Your presentation style does not glamorize drug use but rather gives the stark realities of the destruction that awaits those who choose to walk down the path that involves experimentation. I was particularly struck by your comment that no one *plans* on becoming an addict, and your example that no one goes to a party as a teen and says "if I play my cards right, I could be an addict in a few years". Your presentation makes it clear that addicts come from all walks of life and from all socio-economic backgrounds – no one is immune. The kids listening to your presentation were very attentive because your style is captivating and on their level – they were never preached to or talked-down to.

You have a powerful ministry Joe, and my prayer is that thousands of kids in our province will hear your message.

I will highly recommend your presentation to any school or group that inquires about it and I wish you God's blessing as you reach out to our young people.

Thank you for your powerful message.

Sincerely,

Brad Smith
Guidance Counsellor
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