

April 25/01

Dear Shoebogiemam,

I've never seen my students so moved and excited by a presentation. Here are some of their letters. I missed your presentation because I was ill. Sorry. Hope to catch you next time!

Ms. Rose
CABE.

April 10, 2001

Dear Mr. Shoeboogiemann,

Your speech on drugs and alcohol will have a lasting effect on my life. We as teenagers constantly hear our parents' lecture us about how we should never do drugs or use alcohol. We never fully realize that the choices we make now could forever change the direction our lives are going in. Your presentation opened my eyes and many other students at Elgin Park to the reality that drugs and alcohol will get us nowhere in life. I thought the tribute to the friends you've lost to drugs was especially touching. It gave us a look at the innocent people who became slaves to drugs overwhelming power. This proved to us that anyone could become an addict no matter their race, age or background. I wish you continued success in your life now, and helping others. You are truly an inspirational person.

Sincerely,

Jannys Gray

April 25/01

Dear: Shoeboogie man

I really enjoyed the presentation you brought to CABE, I feel sorry for your past and all your friends that have died, I know a lot of people that have been hooked on crack, they slowly disappeared from the group we ran with, I don't even know if they are still alive, your presentation made me remember the old days when I used to party with them and I can't even believe that they are gone because of drugs, I guess I am lucky that I only smoke pot and nothing else.

My old neighbour he is doing jibb and I hear he is downtown somewhere, I was wondering if you knew him his name is Jason Cochet he is 29 very skinny, tall, and had like the 80's rocker look to him, I was wondering if you knew him if you could let me know how he is doing.

Thanks for the presentation it was really good, I especially liked the pictures they really made it different from other drug presentations.

Shoeboogie

Dear Joe Shoebocqreman.

I appreciate your public speaking about your previous addictions with various drugs. Your presentation left a lasting impression in my mind. The consequences and sacrifices you made gave me the confidence to realize how drugs and alcohol can ruin a persons life. The truth you presented gave me a realistic sense of what could happen to me if i were an addict. Your presentations are truly beneficial to the youth and the youth are the people who need to be more educated upon the subject. I hope you continue your work and become a positive role model for other addicts and people throughout the community.

Yours Truly.

REYNOLDS

Don't buy the lie of
getting ~~high~~ high

Jenna Elliott

Oct. 12, 2000

I thought Joe's presentation was really good. I enjoy listening to people's life stories. I always thought that the people who end up drugies were people weren't well off and didn't have a good life. He said that most people start off drinking and smoking and then get into the harder stuff. It really makes you sit back and think of your actions. I never want to get into that position in my life. It really engaged me when people around me were talking and not taking it seriously. It really bothers me that people can't respect others and take an hour out of their lives and deal with it. The only part of the presentation that I didn't like was that he said he wasn't here to tell us not to do drugs. He should of said that it's our choice not to do drugs or to do them but that they really mess up your life. I know that he was just trying to get through to a bunch of teenagers who are trying to be "cool". All in all it was a good presentation for such a serious topic.