

April 10, 2001

Dear Joe Shoeboogie Man,

Your presentation at Elgin Park Secondary school was truly courageous! I thought it was very brave of you to share your past experiences with us. I found it really inspiring to hear how you outcame your weaknesses. I can not imagine how hard it must have been for you to detach yourself away from such a deathly, serious situation, you are a strong person! From your presentation I learned that anything is possible not matter how hard it may be. also to never give up. I learned that drugs and alcohol are a deathly crime, that can harm not only you, but others too. You made me realize that whatever I chose to do now, will affect my future, also whatever I do decide to do I must get away, before I get in too deep. Thank you very much for your inspiration! I will never forget the results of abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Thank you,

Bob Gullanson

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Thank you for the education you provided us, through your presentation. The world of drugs is not a subject often visited, in an educational way. But it should be. Because most people who do drugs don't fully understand drugs. With the help of presentations like yours we are educated on drug use.

Your right, when you do drugs, your not "hurting only yourself."
My good friend - has taken a full cloing drugs.
and it hurts me to watch her struggling every day to get off them.

You painted a vivid picture and I know I thank you for it.

Thank you: Melissa
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DEAR SHOEROOKIE MAN,

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED YOUR PRESENTATION YESTERDAY. I THINK IT REALLY HIT HOME FOR A LOT OF STUDENTS. FOR MYSELF, I FOUND THE PART WITH YOUR OLD PHOTOS TO BE THE MOST TOUCHING. IT REALLY GOT ME THINKING AGAIN ABOUT WHERE I COULD BE NOW IF I HADN'T GUIT UP, DOWN AND ALL THE REST. IT REALLY SADDENS ME TO THINK WHERE A LOT OF MY OLDER FRIENDS COULD BE IN A COUPLE YEARS. ESPECIALLY THE ONES WHO ARE STILL HUSTELLING AROUND DOWN TOWN, STILL TRYING TO GET THAT HIGH ONE MORE TIME, OR SMACKING SO THAT THE SHAKES WILL STOP, THE PAIN WILL LEAVE AND THEY CAN FALL ASLEEP ONCE MORE.

I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL THING THAT YOU'RE DOING. SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T GIVE KIDS ENOUGH PROPS, BUT A GOOD MAJORITY ARN'T EDUCATED ON THIS ISSUE. I KNOW I WASN'T.

IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, THAT MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

THANK - YOU.
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Dear: Mr. Joe Shoebogiemann

I want to thank-you for coming to our school and sharing your interesting stories with us. Your stories have helped me because now I know what can happen when you get into drugs. The most memorable part of your presentation was the quiz that you gave us. I scored 0-1 which was good. I think that other addicts should take you as a role model because you managed to get out of addiction after so many years. I wish you continued success in helping

others and with the rest of
your life.

sincerely,



Evan Baptie