



"Encouraging Today's Youth
to make
Positive Choices"
Lt. Gov. Brad Owen

Dear Strategies for Youth Supporter:

Did you know that since 1989, Strategies for Youth has performed at over 300 schools across the state, for thousands of students, and at dozens of conferences?

Because of the generous support from contributors like you, *Strategies for Youth* is now in its 18th year. Our groundbreaking programs which teach children about bullying and the importance of respect for others, as well as teen drug use, are the most popular and sought after programs for youth in the State of Washington. The impact of these programs has proved invaluable for participants thus far.

But...there is still work to be done.

Statistics show that 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied. Bullying is a nationwide problem that is a leading cause of poor school performance, poor self-esteem, absenteeism, mental and physical stress and, in some cases, school violence.

Strategies for Youth programs make a significant impact in creating climates where bullying is not tolerated. It is crucial to our children that we continue to bring these innovative and successful programs to schools in the State of Washington.

Help us continue positively impacting today's youth.

Currently, our goal is to meet the dramatic increase in requests for *Strategies for Youth* programs. We are thrilled that schools in distant locations across the state are showing great interest and requesting our presence. However, in order to meet the increasing demand, *Strategies for Youth* must raise \$20,000 dollars to meet this year's budget.

Together we can make a difference.

Your continued support will allow *Strategies for Youth* to help children create safe and accepting environments; free from fear and promoting acceptance. In addition, your contribution will make it possible to bring *Strategies for Youth* to schools with limited resources.

"I'm a fourth grade teacher at Woodland, where yesterday you offered an assembly about bullying. I wanted to let you know how excited the kids were about the message AND the music. You and your band would be welcome back any time!" —Charlie Walsh, WES

Enclosed you will find a donation card and return envelope. As you consider this fundraising effort, please remember that this is an investment in our schools, our children and ultimately the future. If possible, please respond by December 31st so that these funds can be applied to this year's budget.

Your timely and generous response to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brad Owen - Lieutenant Governor, State of Washington
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