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Youth Development Speaker Series

Heart of Stone

"Giving Kids In One School Something They Have Not
Had Before—
A Future..."

Award Winning Documentary Film by
Beth Toni Kruvant

October 27, 2010 Guild Theatre

Winner of Audience Award at the Slamdance Film Festival, the Jury Award for Best Documentary at Cinequest Film Festival, the Kaiser Permanente Thrive Award, the Best Feature Film at the Philadelphia Film Festival and the Best Documentary Film at the New Jersey Film Festival and the Urban Suburban Film Festival.

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Facility provided by: **GUILD THEATER**

NEXT STEPS:

If you want the film shown in your school or neighborhood, contact Vicki at YDN at Vicki@ydnetwork.org or call 916.228.2227.

You can also purchase the movie directly from the web site at www.heartofstonethemovie.com.

YDN is developing a facilitator's guide that will be available in early 2011. YDN can also facilitate a debrief discussion for you.

YDN also offers various training and technical support to schools and agencies around:

- Setting up peer conflict mediation programs,
- Student fish bowls to hear more from students on school / program climate
- Program Quality Assessment tools
- Cultural awareness training
- Service learning training and technical support
- Youth/Adult Partnership Training
- Youth Leadership and civic advocacy skills training for students/Youth Adult Partnership Training for Adults
- Helping students identify their strengths using Gallup's Strengthsfinder and how to transform your program's culture and practices to become a strength based school/program
- Youth Development Training for youth workers



Did You Know:

The drop out rate in California:

- White 11.7%
- Asian American 7.9%
- Black 32.9%
- Hispanic 23.8%
- Native American/Alaskan native 24%
- Filipino 9%
- Pacific Islander 21%

(From the California Dept of Education CBEDS May 2010)

- Sacramento City has 4500 known gang members
- Youth Detained by Race in California; Blacks 2000, Whites 1000, Latino 3000
(from BurnsInstitute.org)

In Sacramento County less than 20% of 11th grade students surveyed in the California Healthy Kids Survey report feeling that schools are interesting and give them meaningful opportunities to participate; less than 40% report having caring adult relationships at school, and less than 50 % report that adults set high expectations for them.

Programs and Efforts That Are Making a Difference:

- Peer Conflict Mediation program- Hiram Johnson High school
- Challenge Day—Center for Advancing Unity & Hiram Johnson HS
- Peer Mentors — People Reaching Out
- Youth Civic Engagement and Service Learning — Youth Development Network in partnership with People Reaching Out, Greenhouse, UB-UNTU Green, Pesticide Watch, Gerber High School, EMERGE
- Community Safety Partnership — Sacramento PD, Area Congregations Together, Sacramento Employment Training Agency, Kaiser and The Endowment – giving gang members a choice to change their lives
- Sacramento Violence Intervention Program, to provide immediate intervention services to youth and young adults, ages 15-24 that are admitted to area hospitals for violent injury — Kaiser and the Effort
- Caring School/Program Climate and Youth Development Training for Youth workers — YDN
- Marginalized Youth Collaborative- Coordinated Services Model

Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of all of our Youth Development Network (YDN) partners, thank you! YDN is dedicated to creating life-changing experiences for youth to thrive and succeed. In our ongoing effort to connect all community partners around the youth development cause we have created the YDN Speaker Series. This new YDN offering is intended to bring top notch experts in the youth development field and related areas to the Sacramento region.

We are honored that you have joined us this evening as we examine how one school and community came together to help a group of students who were likely to fail, see a more promising future and move closer to a pathway of success. We are pleased to bring the Director of Heart of Stone to Sacramento, to share this moving story and help our community dialogue around what it takes to not give up on any young person.

In Community,



Bina Lefkovitz

Co-Executive Director
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Agenda for the Evening

5:30-6:00

Food/Networking

6:00-6:10

Welcome/Sponsor Thank You/Setting the Stage

Recognition of "Marsha Span "Alumni from Weequahic
High School, Class of 1958 and Beth Kruvant, Director,
Heart of Stone

6:10-7:10

Movie Viewing

7:10-7:40

Audience comments and questions for the Director

7:45-8:25

Panel Discussion and Audience Questions

Panel Members:

- Mary Struhs, Healthy Start Director,
Hiram Johnson High School
- Daniel Hahn, Captain, City of Sacramento
Police Department
- Leora Matranga, Grant High School Alumni
- Damion Osborne, Student, Juveniles at Risk
for Success High School
- Dr. Maya Leggett, Trauma Surgeon,
Kaiser Permanente

8:25-8:30

Next Steps