



# AGOURA HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the HIV/AIDS Education Coordinator at Agoura High School for the past seven years, I have invited many organizations to make presentations to our students regarding what I consider to be the single greatest issue affecting the global community today - the AIDS epidemic. Every presentation we have offered our students has been worthwhile, enriching, and very well received by our student body. However, one presentation, Camp Kindle's *SPEAK OUT: Sharing Personal Experiences And Knowledge: Our Unique Truths*, is far and away the most influential, moving, and educational presentation we have had since I have been involved at Agoura High School. For the first time, our students were able to hear from people their own age who have been infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The honesty and passion with which these students presented their stories was powerful and inspirational.

In addition to the educational aspects of the presentation, Camp Kindle was effective in challenging our students to get involved. One of my charges is to promote the tenet that with knowledge comes responsibility. Immediately following the *SPEAK OUT* presentation, many of our own students expressed interest in creating an AIDS Awareness Club on campus and in organizing service projects to help local HIV/AIDS organizations, including Camp Kindle.

I am pleased to hear of Camp Kindle's successes and enthusiastically recommend them to any institution offering such HIV/AIDS education programs.

Sincerely,

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