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To whom it may concern,

My name is Rhonda Doxtator I am the coordinator of the Community Aboriginal Recreation Activator program in Oneida Nation of the Thames. I am submitting this letter on behalf of Garry Whyte whom came to Oneida through the March Break and done a motivational presentation for the March Break participants. The ages of the participants were 12 and up including some camp workers. Garry came in on Thursday March 17 at 1:00 and done a presentation on "choices" and he shared about his own personal life choices of drug use at a very young age and dropped out of school and were it left him which was prison for seven years. Garry also talked about "taking leadership of your life", because there are consequences if you make the wrong choices. He was straight up with the youth and got his message across by enlightening the youth with his relaxed posture and how his voice filled the room as he shared positive points that the youth can take and use in the own personal lives.

Garry also used a visual technique which he warned the group beforehand were graphic pictures of drinking and driving accidents claiming the lives of innocent victims. Again these videos impacted some participants because we have lost a lot of community members to drinking and driving.

Overall as I observed Garry's interaction with the youth I could tell that they were hearing his positive messages.

My own thought on Garry's presentation was truly giving him my respect, because for how many drug sellers and users in my own community....how many do you think would come in and talk to the youth truthfully of how using or selling can affect their lives forever? None.

I would like to bring Garry and his motivational speaking back to Oneida in a bigger forum so that his positive messages can be shared and guide our youth to make healthier positive choices.

In Respect & kindness

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