



Students Oppose Smoking

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Sterlen Barr
Rapping for Prevention

Dear Sterlen:

On behalf of Students Oppose Smoking (SOS) and our Community Partners who helped plan and host the *Tobacco Free Sports Challenge* on June 1, 2003 at Potomac Community Center, I want to thank you for coming to share your expertise and help make the event special and a success. We were able to reach over 150 at risk middle school youth and their parents with the message that tobacco use will jeopardize their health and ability to lead active lifestyles. I am enclosing some photos for you to remember us by.

You and your young dancers made such important contributions. You were positive role models for the young teens who attended. Your caring and entertaining style captured their attention. Your help with the rap contest finalists to ease their fears was a major asset to their final performances. When Rachel realized her teacher had not sent her written rap, she was devastated. We told her to work with you and the time you spent with her brought her confidence back. We were so thrilled to see Rachel's smile when she performed her rap and then won third place.

When you were asked to speak with David Lee of Hot99.5FM to convince him to record and air David A's winning rap, your efforts made his final decision. To see David's excitement when he won and recorded his rap, was worth all the effort we put into the event. I hope that the rappers will have an opportunity to collaborate with you on your next CD.

As for SOS, I don't think that Zak Marsh has stopped beaming from having the opportunity to work with you and help judge the rap contest. He is a major fan of yours and the experience has meant more to him than all of the things he has done with SOS.

We were sorry that the time frame was so short since we had to include so many people, clubs, and activities in this event. We wish that the youth could have had a whole day just with you. Hopefully, we will have another opportunity to partner with you in the future.

Our best wishes and sincerest appreciation,

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