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Abbie Road

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Hey there everyone! Boy am I excited for winter to be over because with the warmer weather comes Revolution presentations. February and March are busy with seven scheduled presentations and a few that I'm still working on. We got a new speaker system to allow us to present in gyms and

actually be heard! It's pretty complicated and HEAVY but exactly what we needed!!

I am starting to look at Orlando, which is scheduled for this fall, November 13-15. I have to submit a presentation by the end of the month so that is pretty exciting.

I hope you know how very lucky I am to be working

with all of you. After every meeting or event, I am just so proud of all your hard work. I feel privileged to know many past members and see all your accomplishments! It's pretty great to be energized by all your passion! You rock Revolution!! Stop in and visit anytime, alumni too!

Abbie

Congrats!!

We would like to send out a congratulations to Bryanna Hammons! Bryanna graduated from Lakeview High School in December. We are also excited for Tiff Spies as she headed off to college at UNL in January. We'd also like to congratulate all the Revolution members who had a part in the local theater productions and to those who participated in Winter sports. Way to go!

Lauren's Lane

My how the year flew by. It's hard to believe that it is already February 2009. But I am already counting down to summer! When I started writing my article for this newsletter, I wasn't sure what to write. I finally decided I would wrap up all of the AMAZING things that Revolution did in 2008. First we thought of the new name, "Revolution" and held mandatory training sessions for our new members. Revolution also organized the games and activities for the kids at the Center's Annual Chili Fest. During the school year, the Revolution members have been busy attending the monthly meetings, practices, and traveling for gigs around Nebraska. Overall, we have had a very busy, productive year, and I am extremely excited for 2009!

April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Revolution is helping with some awareness events throughout the community. First, the Center for Survivors will be holding a sexual assault awareness vigil, and a few of the Revolution kids will be performing a short scene from the dramatization. The Revolution members also plan to spread awareness throughout the community by recording public service announcements in English and Spanish, on the local radio station. We are also hoping to provide some statistics and information on sexual assault at the City Council Meeting on April 23rd. On April 8th, the Revolution members and the Center for Survivors Staff plan to line up shoes on the stairs of the courthouse, symbolizing people who have been sexually assaulted. If you have any questions about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and how you can be involved, feel free to contact Erin, Abbie or Lauren at the Center for Survivors at 564-2155.

Speaker System and Performances

Can you hear me now?? Well, I hope so, because Revolution has recently purchased a speaker system! This will be a great addition to our group performances.

The system includes speakers, a hand held mike, and six hands-free microphones. After many practice sessions of setting up and working the system, we are thrilled to use it at our upcoming performances!



Along with the new speaker system, come the upcoming presentations. We will be performing to the Berean Church Youth Group and providing healthy dating information to Scotus health classes in February. We'll perform to Boone Central (Albion) and St. Ed in March. We're also planning a presentation on March 8th at 7pm at the Center for all parents, Center staff, and alumni who would like to attend. We have also been asked to perform our dramatization to Virden Middle

School in Virden, Illinois. We will be making the 9-hour journey on March 19-20th. Finally, we'll be presenting at the National Conference on Sexual Assault in Our Schools in Orlando, Florida. This will take place in November, and we are looking forward to practicing and planning! Whew- we're busy!

**Alumni:
You're Invited
March 8th @
7 p.m. @ the
Center!!**

Short Dramatizations

Since December, at each monthly meeting, the Revolution kids have been rehearsing and acting out short dramatizations that they have written based on personal experiences or what they see in everyday life. The scenes are only 2-3 minutes long, but contain

powerful life issues, such as bullying, stalking, sexual assault, and peer pressure. In the next few weeks the goal is to put those scenes on paper and present them to middle and junior high students. If you have any ideas or input on these scenes, please feel free to contact

Abbie or Lauren at the Center.

