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ENDANGERED



Waking Up: An Endangered Species

A Drama By
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*Produced by special arrangement with
Samuel French, Inc.*

STUDENT PRESENTATION

**WEDNESDAY
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West Noble High School
♀ Ligonier, Indiana ♂

Cast & Crew:

Matt Grawcock Junior
Tania DeLuna Junior
Brandon Replogle . . . Junior
Carlos Ibarra . . . Junior
Carli Mast . . . Junior
Rachael Stump . . . Junior
Amanda Musser Junior

Light & Sound Technicians

Sarah Jones, Junior
Caleb Wilson, Junior
Bryan Bechtold, Freshman
Tanner O'Brien, Freshman
Nick Schroder, Freshman

Crew

Laura Gray

Student Director

Liz Buchanan, Senior

Directors

Amy B. Dreibelbis
Cliff Schwartz

From the Cast:

We have all heard the messages about abstinence, and we all have heard the warnings that come from every health class.

Recently however, we were blessed with the chance to go to an HIV clinic and be tested, so that we could have first-hand knowledge about the process.

The waiting room was dotted with other people - some teenagers - doing the responsible thing and being tested. From this experience we have gained insight into a world that people with HIV are living. They are scared, worried, and unsure what the world may bring to them.

We also carry the knowledge that even if you have not had previous sexual relations with someone, it doesn't mean that your first experience with that person will leave you worry free. Also, if you have a significant other who is constantly pressuring you for sex, it's not worth it. In the end, if you're abstinent that's awesome. If not, it's never too late to be abstinent.

We have also have gained an awareness about how long that HIV and AIDS has been a problem since before we were born. We are the generation that is blamed for the sudden increase in HIV and AIDS related cases. The new drugs and treatments make for a false sense of hope. We are glad that we have the opportunity to help inform our generation about the dangers about HIV and AIDS. If we can increase the awareness through information, then hopefully we can save more lives.

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And especially our families and friends
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HIV/AIDS INFORMATION

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AIDS Hotline

(Center for Disease Control)

1-800-342-AIDS

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

(Healthy Communications)

1-800-227-8922

Ft. Wayne AIDS Task Force

Ft. Wayne / Allen County Health Department

1-260-449-7504

**There are many people
and places you can turn
to if you have questions,
concerns, or need help.**

HIV/AIDS Statistics

AIDS Deaths in Northeast Indiana

Noble County..... 10

DeKalb County 12

Steuben County 8

LaGrange County 1

People Currently Living With HIV

Noble County..... 13

DeKalb County 16

Steuben County 11

LaGrange County 9

Elkhart 150

(As of December 31, 2008)

HIV does not discriminate.

A recent study showed that
**HIV can survive in a used
syringe for at least 4 weeks.**

**AIDS is the FIFTH LEADING
CAUSE OF DEATH
in the United States
for people ages 25 to 44**

Worldwide approximately
**11 in 1000 adults aged 15 to 49
are HIV-infected**

INDIANA Statistics

In **Lake County**, Indiana (the Gary area) **463**
deaths have occurred as a result of AIDS.

194 AIDS deaths have occurred in **Allen
County**, Indiana (**Fort Wayne** area).

The **South Bend** area (**St. Joe County**) has been
the place of **187** AIDS deaths.

133 AIDS deaths have occurred in **Vanderburg
County**, Indiana (**Evansville** area).

3,835 deaths from AIDS have occurred in
Indiana since 1981 - - more than **half** of those
(**1,436**) were in the **Indianapolis** area.

A chain of 288 one-to-one sexual relationships
was found at a high school in the Midwest,
meaning the teenager at the end of the chain
may have had direct sexual contact with one
person, but indirect contact with 286 others.
(Jan. 24, 2005 Yahoo news.com)

Currently in Northeast Indiana over 500 people
have been diagnosed with HIV.

In the human body there are only four fluids
that are concentrated enough to transmit the
disease: blood, semen, breast milk, and vaginal
fluids. It cannot be passed through saliva or
mosquitoes.

WNHS Abstinence Policy:

ABSTINENCE before marriage and a
monogamous, faithful marriage commitment
are the only sure way to prevent sexually
transmitted AIDS as well as pregnancy and
other STDs.