



## **Brown County Tobacco – Free Partnership**

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Dear Troy,

I wanted to let you know that your – “Desperation to Dedication” presentation you gave in November to about 1300, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Brown County High School and Jr. High students and faculty did make a significant impact on our students and the school community.

To some, our rural community located in south central Indiana may seem somewhat isolated, but does however, have the same alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues prevalent among our teens as in other larger communities.

Your message straight forwardly addressed the power of making the “right” choices, setting goals, staying focused and keeping on track regardless of your life situation. “You can always seek help from your parents, school or any caring adult – it only takes one person to believe in you.” Your message was heard and we are grateful.

Also addressing “Tobacco” / nicotine as your first real drug of choice as a young teen leading to all your other experimentation was very relevant for our youth and maybe a bit surprising to our adults. We understand that addiction is addiction and nicotine is the only legalized and accepted / tolerated drug in the country.

Please accept our sincere thanks for sharing your message.

Have a great week and keep in touch!

Living Tobacco Free,

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