

Save the Date!

**Saturday, September 22,
2001 from 8:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m.**

(Please note that Registration
is from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.)

**Saint Joseph's
University Fieldhouse
5600 City Line Ave.
Philadelphia, PA**

SpeakUp 2000! is holding its
second annual conference
uniting Youth, Educators,
and Parents/Guardians from
urban and suburban
Philadelphia to discuss such
issues as: Anger/Violence,
Sex & AIDS, Leadership/Find
the Leader Within You,
Eating Disorders,
Appreciating Differences,
Drugs & Alcohol, Teen
Suicide, Family Dynamics,
Depression, Power of
Spirituality, and Making
Positive Choices When Using
the Internet.

SpeakUp 2000! emphasizes
the development of
communication skills to
foster productive dialogue
at home, at school, and
within the community to
empower all participants to
make informed decisions for
positive life choices in order
to Make a Difference.

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Speak Up 2000!



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Good News!

"Three 2 Five"

Three 2 Five is joining us again this year. Their generosity of spirit and support made a significant contribution to the success of last year's event. We want to thank them for sharing their time and gifts with so many.

Cardozie Jones is graduating from the High School for Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) this year and will be attending New York University in the fall.

Nathan Harmon, who is a graduate of CAPA, just completed his first year at NYU. William Carter is graduating this year from CAPA and is exploring his options of colleges.

Marcus White will be stepping up to the plate as a senior in the fall.

Three 2 Five performing at
SpeakUp 2000! Pictured left to right are:
Nathan Harmon, Marcus White and
Cardozie Jones.



SpeakUp 2000! Recognized

The Honorable State Representatives
Connie Williams and Lita Indzel Cohen
sponsored a citation issued by the House
of Representatives of Pennsylvania
recognizing SpeakUp 2000! for our
commitment to improving the lives of
youth, educators and parents/guardians in
the Philadelphia community.

Pictured are left to right:
Alex Wolfington, Martie Gillin and
Representative Connie Williams.



Thank You!

We would like to extend a special thank you to St. Joseph's University and the staff for the use of their facilities.

A Special Invitation

SpeakUp 2000! is an educational organization whose mission is to bring together urban and suburban Youth, Educators and Caring Adults to explore and address the issues affecting the quality of their lives and of our society. Through intensive interaction, participants are encouraged to assume responsibility for making informed decisions and positive life choices and working together to Make a Difference.

Organizations that encourage these life choices will provide guidance and resources on the issues and concerns of the conference. We have partnered with:

- Penn Council for Relationships (PCFR). PCFR is the oldest counseling center in the state of Pennsylvania as well as the country focusing primarily on relationships. For 68 years they have brought people together to discuss and improve their relationships. Their mission is to help people get along in healthier and happier ways. Whether for parents and children, couples, siblings, or individuals, they have therapists expertly trained to assist. Penn Council for Relationships has been helping thousands of individuals, families and couples for more than a half a century.
- The Center for Youth Development (CYD). CYD is an initiative of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania. CYD will provide a Service Fair at the conference. Youth, educators and parents/guardians will have an opportunity to connect with human service organizations that provide services in addition to opportunities to

Alex Wolfington and Family

Alex Wolfington is the co-founder of SpeakUp 2000! and was greatly involved with the planning process of making SpeakUp 2000! a reality. His leadership, vision, enthusiasm and support helped to make the conference a success.

Alex and his wife Patricia generously gave of their time, talent and treasures because they love the youth of today. Patricia has remarkable spirit and strong loyalty to her family, friends, church group and our organization.

When Alex is not at work, he can usually be found spending time with his wife and five children.

The Wolfington Family (left to right): Ashley, Patrick, Alex, Alexander, Austin, Alyssa, and Patricia.



The Rosehil Foundation

A guardian angel has introduced us to The Rosehil Foundation from Havertown, a small private family foundation that has graciously donated funds to SpeakUp 2000!

The Buckley's have become very involved with our organization since our meeting. They have many friends and family members involved with SpeakUp 2000!, and it is because of their efforts that we are confident we will have many schools represented at our SpeakUp 2000! Conference.

The Buckley Family (left to right): Bruce, Hannah, Hilary and Connie.



A Student's Perspective!

by Tracy Solomon

serve in the community. CYD will also provide post-conference support to make connections happen between schools, community-based organizations, youth, educators and parents/guardians. Please join us to:

- learn about organizations that help the community
- learn how you can serve your community through community service projects, internships and service careers
- learn how to become a Community Youth Partner and a member of Youth United Way.

Representatives from the human service organizations will be available at the conference to answer questions and provide information.

- Pearce-McCormick Consulting Group (PMCG). PMCG has designed the day of SpeakUp 2000! PMCG is a full-service organization development consulting firm.

Their key capabilities include: Whole system intervention, group facilitation, team skills and team building, change enablement, leadership development, and coaching.

PMCG is experienced in leading and facilitating new approaches to engaging whole organizations in change. Outcomes from whole-system processes include agreement on a common future vision, action plans to achieve that vision, and engaged, committed people who make it happen.

Donna Skubis-Pearce, M.S. and Marie T. McCormick, Ph.D., M.B.A. are the founding partners of Pearce-McCormick Consulting Group. They have worked in a variety of industries, including education, telecommunications, health care, financial services, pharmaceuticals, consulting and nonprofits.

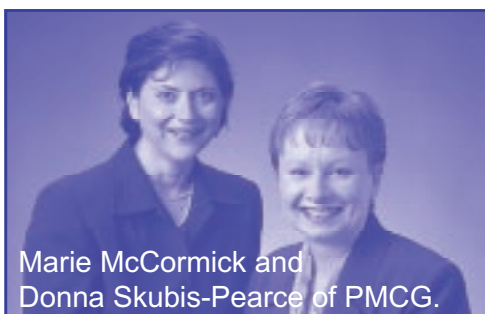
The conference inspired many individual schools to take action on issues that emerged in the discussions at SpeakUp 2000! "Let's Talk" is a culmination of students, educators, and parents from the Agnes Irwin School (AIS) Community seeking to enhance communication and understanding among the separate divisions. It was inspired by and modeled after SpeakUp 2000!

"After attending a Focus group run by Mrs. Gillin, three Agnes Irwin girls were both touched and motivated. We decided that an event just like SpeakUp was needed at AIS, as many of the problems we faced were fed by poor communication among parents, students, and faculty. The AIS student government sat down, with the help of Pearce-McCormick Consulting Group and SpeakUp 2000!, and began to plan our own version of "Let's Talk," which was held last November. After months of hard work and publicity the night arrived. Five minutes before "Let's Talk" was scheduled to begin there were about ten people there. All our efforts seemed like they had been for nothing; however, only a few minutes later an onslaught of people began to pour in. There were not enough nametags and chairs for the crowd of over 300 people who came.

"It was a wonderful feeling seeing people give up two hours one night to improve communications within their community, but it was even more wonderful seeing people leave moved from the experience and with a new-found

knowledge about their own lives. The design called for people to volunteer to share a topic that they themselves were interested in. After about fifteen topics were named and written on a board, people were asked to join a discussion on a topic that they wanted to talk about. These discussions were self mediated with a SAM (senior advising mentor) who oversaw the discussion. These discussions were a major success, for people were able to talk about what interested them and were therefore much more engaged in the evening. Afterwards each group made a plan as to what each group (parents, students, faculty) could do to improve the current situation. These lists, along with reactions to the conversations held in each group, were shared with the entire audience.

"These adults and youth gained more of an understanding of each other's lives and many families left arm in arm hugging one another. "Let's Talk" was a fabulous success as people learned, gained new perspectives and, hopefully, improved the communication in their own lives. However, the greatest achievement of all was that both adults and children wanted to experience this event again, and I am very proud to say that "Let's Talk" will make another appearance next year. At the Agnes Irwin School, students inspired by SpeakUp and the heart of Mrs. Gillin Made a Difference in their own community and in their own lives because they had the courage to try and the determination to succeed."



Marie McCormick and
Donna Skubis-Pearce of PMCG.



We would like to acknowledge the following people and organizations for their dedication, inspiration, and loyalty in the planning of SpeakUp 2000!

Wish List!

Volunteers
Staff Salaries
Cost of SpeakUp 2000! banner
Foam core board
Audio and Visual expense
Carpeting for the Fieldhouse
Markers and pens
Printing of workbooks and other materials
Scholarship funds (call office for details)
Portable cooler
Easel & Flip Chart

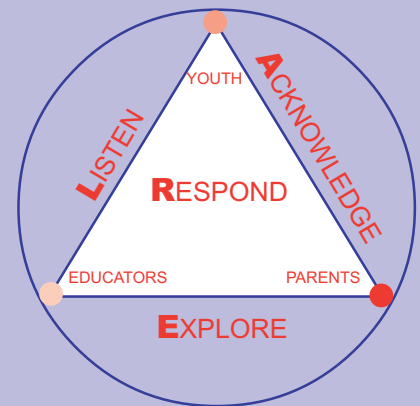
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 Michael Everett
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 - Betty Lou Bettner
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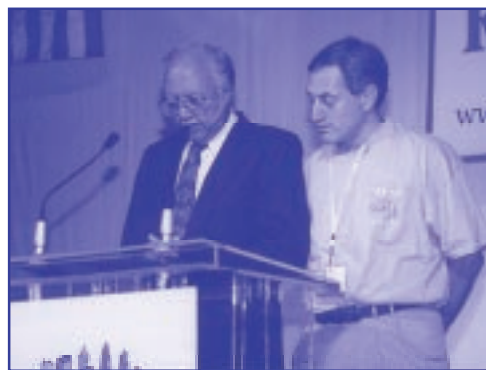
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 - Stacie Brown
 Patricia and Alex Wolfington

Special thanks to the Facilitators

The Three RRR's
Respect for Self
Respect for Others
Responsibility for Actions



The Four AAAA's
Acceptance
Affection
Accountability
Abstinence



who!

Youth, Educators and Parents/Guardians
Grades 7th through 12th

when!

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what!

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is a unique, all-day summit uniting Youth,
Educators, and Parents/Guardians from
urban and suburban Philadelphia to
explore and address such issues as

- Anger/Violence
- Eating Disorders
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Family Dynamics
- Appreciating Differences
- Power of Spirituality
- Leadership/Find the Leader Within You
- Making Positive Choices When Using the Internet
- Sex & AIDS
- Teen Suicide
- Depression

This highly interactive event will focus
on creating productive dialogue and
empowering participants to make positive
choices in their lives.

why!

SpeakUp 2000! is a day of education on how
we can better face the challenges in our
society. SpeakUp 2000! will provide an
opportunity for participants to share their
experiences, giving voice to youth and adults
alike. The event will also connect
participants with numerous organizations
for each topic. These organizations will be
on-site with information and resources,
SpeakUp 2000! has a belief long held but
often forgotten that, through listening and
talking together and beginning to make
commitments to take action, individuals,
families and organizations working together
can and do Make a Difference.

Individual

Registration
Form!

SCHOOLS: PLEASE CALL US FOR GROUP REGISTRATION

Complete this form and return to:

SpeakUp 2000! c/o AIDS Alive
1084 East Lancaster Ave.

Rosemont, PA 19010-1515 or

Phone 610-519-9600 • Fax 610-526-9630

E-mail: speakup2000@speakup2000.com

www.SpeakUp2000.com

Please make checks payable to
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Last Name _____

First Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

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E-mail: _____

School or Affiliation: _____

Mark One:

- Youth (Grade _____)
- Educator
- Parent/Guardian

Choose two (2) of the Breakout Topics listed below:
Breakout Session Choices:

Session I: _____

Session II: _____

- Anger/Violence
- Sex & AIDS
- Eating Disorders
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Appreciating Differences
- Leadership/Find the Leader within You
- Making Positive Choices When Using the Internet
- Teen Suicide
- Family Dynamics
- Depression
- Power of Spirituality

Registration Fee: \$10 per person
(Includes continental breakfast, lunch & snacks)
Please RSVP as soon as possible.

SpeakUp 2000!



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Quotes!

From an educator on SpeakUp 2000!:

"The biggest result was a heightened awareness among the participants of different perspectives between youth, educators and between those from urban and suburban backgrounds. The diversity offered at the conference gave people an opportunity to interact with others they normally do not interact with. It also gave people the opportunity to talk about issues no one usually talks about. By spending an entire day together talking about common issues, everyone was able to hear what these issues look and feel like from different perspectives. An awareness like that can be a powerful tool to enact change."

From a Youth on SpeakUp 2000!:

"I was particularly impressed with the openness of the youth in exploring the differences and similarities in their experiences, especially across racial and socioeconomic groups. There was a real willingness to learn and an openness to participate from a "we" mentality, as opposed to the traditional "us and them."

From a Parent on SpeakUp 2000!:

"Many of the greatest moments in our lives are those that are unplanned and unintended. In just a few hours, I learned things about myself and my children that I have never given thought to. I have always had good relationships with my children and my friends but my ability to listen to them without interjecting my own thoughts and opinions has been a weakness in my personal skills."

SpeakUp 2000! Follow Up Activities

The SpeakUp 2001! conference will offer a variety of ways to take the spirit of SpeakUp back to individual schools, community organizations and faith-based communities.

These opportunities include bringing local conferences to your communities. The conferences can range from weekend events to evening meetings. Our design team will contract to work with your group to customize the best follow up for your constituents.

We will also offer on-line, content based, tasks for teachers and others to use to further educate students about the breakout topics offered at the SpeakUp conference. These research-based quests will also be available as teaching units with off-line resources. The option to use an on-line resource list for each of the breakout topics will also be available for teachers of older students and families.

Our website will offer connections to breakout topic resources. These connections will include contact information to many local and national agencies that can offer help and support to those in need, and opportunities for those who want to reach out to help those in need.

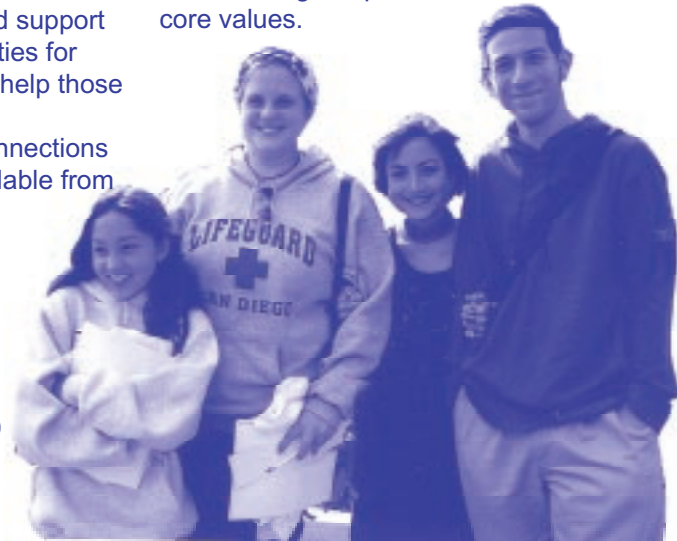
Finally, support to make connections or plan local events will be available from our office

Appreciative Inquiry

This year's SpeakUp event is based on a cutting edge approach to change and effectiveness known as Appreciative Inquiry (AI). Through building on the best of what already exists – the life-giving elements – AI promotes generative relationships that propel people, organizations and communities toward new possibilities. This bold dream of continuous renewal has become real for all kinds of organizations, from multi-national corporations to third world communities. These profoundly hopeful stories are igniting excitement for AI around the world.

Stories are the basic building blocks of this process. In sampling AI with us, you'll be invited to share peak experiences in your schools, homes and communities. Together we will step through the four stages: Discover, Dream, Design, and Deliver. By day's end, we hope to generate new ideas and energy for our futures. We expect everyone will be inspired and energized by reawakening our personal mission and core values.

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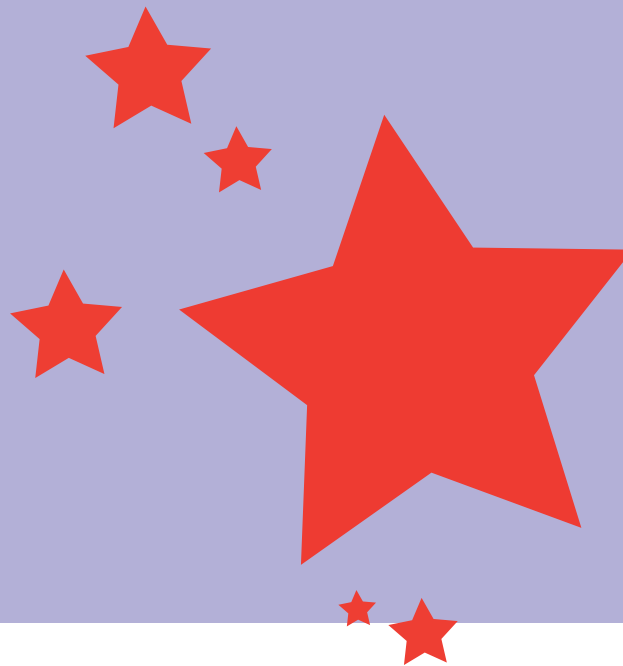
Results!

We were elated with over 650 participants and over 90 schools and organizations represented.

It was amazing to us that the diverse group of participants (24% Urban and 66% Suburban) were willing and able to articulate their various experiences and perspectives.

The candor of their communication was enlightening.

Our goal for 2001 is to have equal participation from our urban and suburban schools and communities.



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