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A letter from the Founder/President

Dear Members:

This year we have had many informative presentations, CASA (Center of Abuse and Violence) was clearly one of them. On April 8th, CASA gave two presentations to parents and children. Sue Folton-Lothrop led the discussion for kindergarten through 5th grade which focused on inappropriate touch. She provided the audience with awareness and role played with the children on what to do if they were ever put in an inappropriate situation. These topics may feel uncomfortable, however the reality is no one is immune from this. Statistics show that child abuse is usually done by someone the family knows. Please don't let ignorance allow your family to end up as a statistic.

Our 6th grade and up group received an education on healthy peer to peer relationships, from Amanda Coe. Sexual, physical and emotional abuse is hitting our teens. There were teens in our group that stated they have already seen it at their school. I look at this as the "Silent Killer". Unhealthy relationships

play a major role in kids resorting to drugs, alcohol, depression, eating disorders, etc. These are all the topics we have been talking about all year. We need to start understanding the sources that drive our teens to turn to these unhealthy outlets.

As we move forward we will dig deeper to strengthen our understanding and awareness. As a community, if we all get involved in understanding the process, we can help change the direction for our youth.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cabral
Founder/President

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