



Dear Susie,

Thank you so much for the powerful heart-felt presentations you gave our students and parents. You touched the lives of so many with your message and your story. Your gift of intimately engaging people on many different levels was a breath of fresh air for our school. Even weeks after your presentations, students are still talking about you, and parents are still thanking the school for bringing you to Christian Brothers. You inspired our school to be "emotionally wise."

It is with enthusiasm that I write this letter, knowing that so many other schools would benefit from hearing your message and seeing your performance. Your dance and drama portray some of life's most difficult struggles, yet put a face to them, and your message brings a sense of hope and inspiration. Being a private Catholic High School, we appreciated your sensitivity to our beliefs and needs, and you provided the education and insight for our students to deal with life's obstacles in a manner to which they were able to relate. They were attentive and focused on your message for the entire presentation. As their eyes followed you around the gym, they were able to laugh with you as well as cry with you. You were able to engage them on an emotional level. It was wonderful watching a speaker come into a gym filled with 500-plus students and engage them from start to finish, not only once but for a second time in the same day.

I would like to share with you some of the comments that students, teachers and parents expressed to me:

"I felt a sense of connection listening to her and was impressed with the way she gave a real look into life's struggles." - *student*

"She opened my eyes and allowed me to see things in myself that I did not see before." - *student*

"I am so grateful that Susie was able to share her message with my child. She touched upon so many issues that I know my child deals with every day." - *parent*

"Thank you for a very worthwhile presentation." - *teacher*

"I just wanted to let you know that the assembly sparked excellent discussions with both my Junior and Senior classes yesterday! Thanks for bringing in such a valuable speaker; personally, I think it was well worth the sacrifice of class time." - *teacher*

"The kids have been talking a lot about it so I know that they were affected. My C set (third period) actually wanted to talk about her message for about a half hour today. It was a good discussion." - *teacher*

Once again, I would like to thank you for such a powerful presence in the lives of our school community. I believe that the same impact you had on our campus would benefit any school.

With Jesus in my heart,

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