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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to share with you a fantastic assembly our school (St. John's Lutheran) recently had. I had the responsibility of planning activities for Red Ribbon Week for our school. I was looking for something extra special and meaningful for our middle school children (grades 6 through 8). Well, I found it!

Legacy of Hope is a program put on by Susie Vanderlip. Susie brings to life on stage issues that effect kids, parents and whole families. Susie is a professional dancer whose outstanding performance brought several characters (based on real people with real problems such as drug abuse, gangs and family violence) into clear focus. Susie uses a combination of dance and monologue to hold her audience's undivided attention.

Lastly, Susie's compassion for kids and their families extends far beyond the stage, in her willingness to answer the students most pointed questions and even spend extra time one on one with troubled students. As one who has "been there" Susie was able to provide thought provoking insight and perspective.

I can highly recommend Susie Vanderlip and Legacy of Hope to any school or organization that wants to offer a fresh view of what drugs, gangs and violence are doing to our children today. Don't miss it!

Sincerely,

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