

# Teen-Ed

Education for Healthy Lifestyles

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## Winter Newsletter 2009

### Word from the Education Coordinators:

Wow. We are already in 2009...and what a blessing a New Year brings. We are still sought after by many schools and are still being invited into new schools all the time. What an awesome time it is for Central Alberta with schools recognizing the need for teens to look at the relationship and abstinence realities of teen sexuality. I have also been invited to speak at the Red Deer Public School Middle School Principle's meeting in January to help the public schools to become reacquainted with our program. When some schools hear the word "Abstinence" they become afraid that we are pushing religion or an agenda. It is my hope that they can see the advantage of teaching abstinence as a way to promote physical, emotional, relational, psychological, and financial health to both the individual and our community. I recently saw an American statistic that stated the direct medical cost for dealing with Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections in the US was 14.1 billion dollars annually. In this time of economic uncertainty, I believe that money could be put to better use. So we thank you again for your continued support. Without you, we could not work towards our goal of seeing a HEALTHIER community.



## Spring Concert

Come enjoy great music for a good cause!!

Our annual fundraiser this year is something a little different. We are bringing High Valley to Red Deer!! In a time when Country Music has experienced a complete transformation, "High Valley" combines 3 part harmony with the "New Country" sound. High Valley's Broken Borders was recently named Album of the Year, and Back to You was named Song of the Year at the 2007 GMA Canada Covenant Awards for the country category. The 3 young men from La Crete, Alberta also have two Vibe nominations for "Country Album of the Year," and one Inspirational Country Music Awards "Vocal Group of the Year" nomination under their belts. High Valley has opened and shared stages with Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Leann Rhymes, Reba McEntire, Brad Paisley, Paul Brandt, and Carolyn Dawn Johnson just to name a few.

WHEN: April 4, 2009

TIME: Doors open at 7:00

WHERE: CrossRoads Church, RED DEER

COST: \$20

TICKETS AVAILABLE: By calling Laurie (403 347-5097) or Tammi (403 341-5539)

We are currently taking applications for a part-time instructor.

Qualifications: An undergraduate degree and some experience in public speaking. Interested persons please forward your resume to our office...

# Volunteer Opportunity!!

With the big undertaking of hosting a concert, there is too much for only our Board to handle. If you would like to volunteer your time on April 4<sup>th</sup> to help at the High Valley concert, please give our office a call

(403 343-6135). One of our greatest needs will be help after the concert cleaning the area. It will make for a late night, but we would so appreciate your help. There are many other ways we need help as well, so let us know if you are available. Thanks in advance!!

We would love to raise awareness of our organization!

If you would like someone to come and speak to your business, organization, or church in an effort to educate the community as to the role we serve in aiding teens to make healthy decisions, please feel free to call the office. Someone will return your call to schedule a suitable time for a presentation.

## SOME STATISTICS

In Canada, 54% of marriages end in divorce, with no difference seen between church goers and non church goers

There are 19 million new STI infections yearly in the US. In Canada, it is estimated that 75% of the sexually active population is infected with one or more STI's

It is also noted that almost half of the 19 million are in 15-19 year age bracket.

Sixty Nine percent of all chlamydia infections are young people aged 15-24

Seventy percent of all television shows involve sexual content with FIVE sexual scenes every hour

**OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU. OUR SUPPORTERS!!**

Keep up your work with teens to preserve their emotional well-being, physical health, and happy future!!

- I agree with the aims of TEEN-ED and would like to become a member
- I do not want to become a member, but I would like to support the organization by making donations
- I would like further general information
- I would like further information about becoming a volunteer to help with fundraising

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DESIGNATE YOUR UNITED WAY DONATIONS TO TEEN-ED?? JUST LET THEM KNOW...