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To Whom It May Concern,

This marks the fourth consecutive year Mrs. Lauren Winborne and retired police officer Mr. Bill Richardson of the *It Won't Happen to Me Foundation* have presented their program to Marist High School students and their parents. I served as tenth grade evening meeting coordinator this past year when Mrs. Lauren Winborne presented the program. My husband and my eldest children, twin fifteen year old boys who recently obtained their driving permit, attended the program with me.

The "*It Won't Happen To Me*" presentation made a lasting impression on all of us. Lauren Winborne is a dynamic speaker who puts her heart into her presentation. It is clearly her passion and gift to present this important message to our teenage drivers and their parents. Alarming statistics and stories are presented about teenage lives which have been lost due to inexperience and unsafe driving habits. A video presentation of a group of teenagers prior to a crash, the reenactment of the crash and the scene following the crash displays accurately the devastating cost of a single bad decision. The focus of the program is on making good decisions. These decisions include wearing a seat belt, driving only with people one knows, avoiding cell phone use and other distractions while driving, and removing oneself from unsafe and uncomfortable situations. The speakers present slide after slide of young, vibrant teenagers who have made one of these bad decisions which have cost them their lives or the lives of others. Complete silence filled the room as Lauren Winborne presented these slides of teenagers who were no different from the Marist teenagers listening to the presentation. They were good students with loving families who lived similar lives to our own. They made a single bad decision which cost them their lives.

I firmly believe this moving presentation made a lasting impression on everyone in the room. I know I rarely use my cell phone now while in the car, and my husband is much better about wearing his seat belt. I know my sons will think twice about getting in the car with someone they don't know or feel uncomfortable around. Our family shared some excellent discussions after the program, and I am thankful the program prompted these discussions. I feel my sons are much better prepared to handle a difficult situation should it arise.

I strongly recommend this program. All teenage drivers and their parents would benefit from this presentation. I received positive comments from several parents and students who attended the program as well as emails from others who couldn't make it hoping the program would be presented again next year. It was a pleasure working with Mrs. Lauren Winborne. She was professional, responsive and accommodating.

Sincerely,



Maureen Hann  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade Evening Meeting Coordinator