



About T.J. Wiebe & The TJ's Gift Foundation

T.J. Wiebe was born on March 21, 1982 and lived in St. Vital his whole life. He attended local schools in the French Immersion stream until eventually graduating from Glenlawn Collegiate and Winnipeg Technical College in 2000. He achieved not only his Grade 12 diploma, but also a certificate in autobody. He was completing his certificate in welding when he was taken from us.

T.J. was a captivating and engaging young man who dreamed big dreams and won the hearts of everyone he met. He took the world on with gusto, enjoying his travels and experiences. T.J. will be remembered for the love he showed his family and the loyalty he showed his friends. The St. Vital community was shocked when, at only

20 years of age, T.J. was murdered on January 5, 2003.

You may wonder why this fund focuses on drug education. T.J.'s family and friends believe that more education and support in that regard from his peers might have prevented T.J. from ever becoming involved with drug use and eventually his murder.

Typical teenage experimentation and curiosity with drugs needs to be taken seriously by all of us. Family and friends established the TJ's Gift Foundation in T.J.'s memory, as a way to help youth understand the devastating effects of drugs. The fund will support youth who wish to work together to help each other avoid drug use.

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About the Fund...

The TJ's Gift Foundation provides financial assistance to teachers and schools for projects that promote drug abuse awareness through peer education: Students educating students.

These projects should:

- Educate young people about the various drugs and their true effects
- Help change the attitudes that make it seem "cool" to use drugs
- Help young people feel confident in their abilities to say "no" to drug use
- Address the social norms that make it seem OK to use drugs

Teachers and schools who wish to access this fund should apply to the TJ's Gift Foundation with the details of their project.

All participants in a proposed project must be prepared to pledge their non-involvement in illegal drug use, the promotion of illegal drugs or trafficking in illegal drugs.

The Process:

Students and teachers should design a project where they first learn about a chosen aspect of drug involvement and then devise a project where they can share their information with other youth. They must submit a project plan to the Foundation for approval along with an application for funding (see below). They must include signed oaths of non-drug involvement from each participant. Once approval has been granted, the funding will be forwarded to the group and the project may proceed. Organizers of the project are asked to obtain permission from parents for photographs to be taken during the project where possible.

Project presenters are encouraged to make pledge cards (available from TJ's Gift Foundation free of charge) for non-drug involvement available to their audience participants.

When the project has been completed, a written report detailing the results of the program must be forwarded to the Foundation. Photographs (if taken) should be forwarded with the report. Future support from the Foundation will depend on this report being submitted.

Suggestions for Projects:

- Drama productions or skits, musical productions or concerts
- Poster/button campaign
- Drug awareness fair
- Other projects that support the aim of the Fund

Application For Funding...

Applicant Name: _____

Name of Student Group: _____

School: _____

Date of Application: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Details: _____

(Include details of the following separately)

- Project description
- Timeline
- Target audience
- Number of peer educators involved
- Number of students targeted (audience)
- Financial requirements

Oath for Non-Use of Illegal Drugs...

To be filled out by each participant.

"It is my pledge that I am not currently involved with illegal drugs. Further, it is my pledge that I will do my utmost to help educate my peers about the dangers of involvement with illegal drugs.

Signed: _____



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