

May 8th, 2017

To the good people at the Warriors Against Violence Society,

My name is Ryan McKenna. I teach a Native Studies course at Arnprior District High School. Arnprior is a town of 8000 people, an hour outside of Ottawa.

A group of students in the Native Studies class did their presentation on violence against Aboriginal women and the missing and murdered Aboriginal women in our country. The purpose of the presentation was to bring awareness to the problem that exists in our country. An important aspect of the group presentation was to also focus on what could be done to help this unfortunate situation and to focus on what is being done to help this harmful and destructive situation in our society.

The class was inspired by the Warriors Against Violence program – by the organizers and the people involved - and wanted to send along their thoughts on the program and their best wishes. The students also wanted to send some letters of encouragement and appreciation and to make a donation in support of your excellent and meaningful program.

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$150.

Wishing all of you the very best and continued success in helping to shape a better life for people and a better society,

Ryan McKenna



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Breanna Foster
59 Ottawa Street
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Tuesday May 2nd, 2017

To: The good people at Warriors Against Violence

My name is Breanna Foster, I am a senior who attends Arnprior District High School. I am writing this letter to you today simply because I would like thank you on behalf of everyone in my community.

In my native studies class a group of my classmates studied Aboriginal women and the violence against them. During their research they came across your organization. After we learned some general knowledge about your organization my teacher showed us a video by CBC News regarding your group sessions. This video made me smile from ear to ear, it makes me so happy that the couple can overcome their violent past, come together and help people in their culture and community. I believe that because of their past families can relate to them more which makes the healing more likely, I envy your strength.

This issue affects not only aboriginal men and women. Violence against women is all over the world and I am extremely glad you have found a way you can help resolve the problem in your area.

Once again, I envy your strength and commitment to your organization and I encourage you to keep going because what you have done is truly amazing.

Sincerely,



Breanna Foster

Jenna Dunlop
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Tuesday, May 2

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

I'm Jenna and I'm a student in Mr. McKennas class, today we were shown a video about the program Warriors Against Violence. The reason I'm writing this letter is because I think this program is a really good thing to have to help save women and children from domestic abuse. It's a good idea to help change violent behaviours into good ones, it helps save their families/marriage and their mental health. I hope the program gets more awareness so that maybe more people will think about their abusive behaviour and realize it's not a good lifestyle to have.

Sincerely,

Jenna Dunlop



Rebecca Byers
59 Ottawa Street
K7S 1X2


May 2, 2017

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

I'm Becca and I am writing a letter because recently in class we have been discussing the program Warriors Against Violence. I think this program is really good, it provides a safe place for the men to talk about their struggles. I liked how the founders of this program had first hand experience with abuse and were able to make it through the hard times. That in itself is inspiring for other people looking to them. I feel that it is important for people to have the opportunity to talk about things and the chance to change. Everyone deserves a second chance, which at this program they receive that chance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Byers



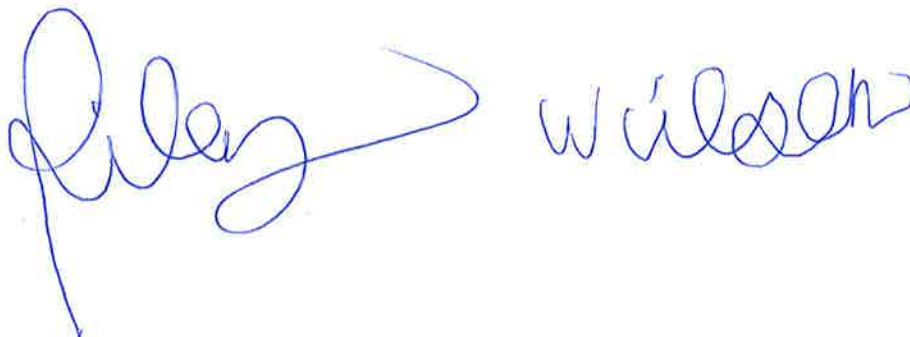
Riley wilson
59 ottawa street
Arnprior, ontario
K7s 1x2

May 2 2017

Dear WAV

Hi my name is Riley Wilson I go to Arnprior High school. I enjoy what you people do out there it goes out to a good cause. I hope everything goes as plan for you guys and hope for the best for you. You guys are doing some great work out there helping the people that need to start a better life. I wish the best for you guys out there and the best for the program.

Riley wilson

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Dustin Colt
59 ottawa street
K7s 1x2
Today

Hello, dear people at Warriors Against Violence. My name is Dustin Colt I think this program is great. Thank you for giving so many people the opportunity to get the help they need but may not be able to afford. Thanks so much good stuff , your welcome for the donations .

dustin

Dustin Harting

Katelyn Ransom
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior Ontario
K7S 1X2

May, 2nd 2017

To: The good people at Warriors Against Violence,

Hello, my name is Katelyn I'm 18 and a Metis student at Arnprior District High School. My Native Studies learned about your organization today. I think what you are doing is great because there is not that much out there to support families and men who are in an abusive situation or are doing the abusing. In my opinion it not just a women problem or even a man problem it is a societal problem that we all need to work together to fix it, or it will not be fixed. I hope your organization grows and spreads across the rest of the country or that other communities follow suit and start their own support groups. I hope Warriors Against Violence continues to help families and with the help of others, hopefully there will be many more success stories in the future. As well I hope that the chain of abuse comes to an end for many of our people and and everyone in need of help.

Sincerely,



Katelyn Ransom

Ava Bertrand
Braeside, Ontario

May 2nd 2017

To the people at Warriors against violence,

I'm a student at Arnprior District High School. Taking Native Studies. We recently watched a video about aboriginal women being abused. What you guys do, it really is amazing. I think it's important so that we can put a stop to the violence. Keep it up.

Sincerely,

Ava Bertrand

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ava Bertrand". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Max Reitz

Max reitz

59 ottawa street

Arnprior ontario

K7s 1x2

May 4 2017

To the good people at warriors against violence.

My name is max reitz i attend adhs high school i think it is a good idea to try and prevent wife's getting beaten by their husbands. And i like you are for aboriginal women when other just see past them in conclusion i support what you do and keep protecting people.

Good luck from: Max

The Date: Tuesday May 2, 2017

Cassidy Lacasse
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

To: Warriors Against Violence,

Hello, I'm a student from Arnprior District High School and the issue that concerns me is the abusive relationships and how some are overcoming their problems.

What I found important and interesting about your organization is that you believe in them to change for the better of their relationship with their families. Also how the whole thing started how far it has come since the day it began. It has changed many people's lives and had a very big impact on many individuals, communities and country for the goodness in everyone.

I encourage for Warriors Against Violence organization to continue on and help those who do want to change their ways to make things better and easier for them to live with their families.

Sincerely, *Cassidy Lacasse*

Cassidy Lacasse

Zachary Trahan
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Tuesday, May 2nd

To: The wonderful people at Warriors Against Violence,

I am a student at Arnprior District High School who is in grade twelve.

I think that the abuse of women, men and children affects everyone. Those being abused, the abusers and bystanders. I think that Warriors Against Violence is a great organization because you are trying your hardest to help people who have abusive tendencies but it also helps those who are being abused get out or heal their relationships depending on if the person has learned the error of their ways.

I would like to thank you for all that you do for the aboriginal community, and I have high hopes that this will continue to benefit people's lives. Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,



Zachary Trahan

Ashley Laframboise

59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Tuesday, May 2nd. 2017

To: The good people at Warriors Against Violence,

My name is Ashley Laframboise, I am in grade eleven attending Arnprior District High School. I am taking a Native Studies course and have come across your program you have established in Vancouver, British Columbia.

I think this program you have created is such a great way for Aboriginal men, women, and families to come together to discuss the violence they either create and/or have to go through daily. Some people who attend your program, go there willingly and I think that is great that you are able to help at least one person.

I encourage you and everyone that contributes to Warriors Against Violence to keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



Madi Ketchum
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

My name is Madi Ketchum. I'm a grade eleven student from Arnprior District High School and I'm currently taking a Native Studies course. Since taking this course, my interest and concern for Aboriginal rights and representation has piqued greatly.

Our teacher suggested we write a letter to you and voice our opinions on your organization after watching a piece on CBC. What you are doing is an amazing way to use your experiences as a cornerstone in helping other people and breaking the cycle people face. Violence is a terrible thing that impacts many individuals with permanent trauma, and with your help, you're preventing lots of people from that trauma.

Hopefully, WAV will be able to expand across Canada and help men deal with their anger everywhere. What you are doing is a positive influence on the Aboriginal communities nationwide and will help lots of people everywhere with such an inspiring message.

Sincerely,
Madi Ketchum

Madi Ketchum

Poole, Owen
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

My name is Owen Poole and I am currently taking a Native Studies course taught by my teacher, Mr. McKenna at Arnprior District High School in Arnprior, Ontario. Today, we watched the special that CBC did on your wonderful organization, Warriors Against Violence. I'm pleased to inform you that not only me but my entire class enjoyed the CBC special and were pleased to hear about your tremendous efforts on fixing violence against aboriginal women. Your stories were at times quite sad and horrific, but ended up being some of the most inspirational things that we've heard and showed how there is always hope in the worst cases. I really have nothing more to say but how much good you guys are doing, not only directly through your organization but by teaching Canadian schools all throughout Canada

Sincerely,
Owen Poole

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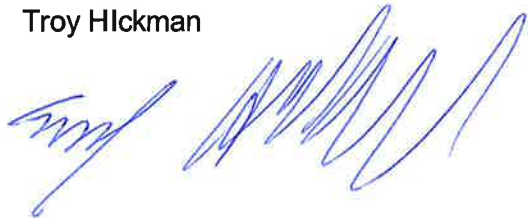
Troy Hickman
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S-1X2

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

The reason for writing this letter is we wanted as a class to send our words of encouragement to everyone. The problem of violence affects everyone and everyone should do their best to stop chains of violence or other such things going on in communities. I hope everyone gets better and the help they need and sees the error of what they were doing before.

Sincerely,
Troy Hickman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Troy Hickman', written in a cursive style.

May 2nd, 2017

Sarah Hall
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

To the amazing people at Warriors Against Violence,

Good day. I am a Grade 12 student from Arnprior District High School; a small town 40 minutes west of Ottawa. The reason for this letter is simple; I am grateful for the work you do. After coming across your organization while doing a project on Issues Aboriginal Women face and sharing it with the class, our teacher thought it a good idea that we write to you.

The biggest impact you have on aboriginal communities; in my opinion, is the work you do with abusive men who are taking the biggest step to turning their lives around. Although not as severe, I have experienced a mentally and sexually abusive relationship, and since then I've had a biased view on all men. After researching and learning about your organization and the work you do, my world slowly opened up to the fact that not everybody is unwilling to accept and learn from their mistakes.

The mixed grade Native Studies class has spent time making the school aware of the things you do, and gathering donations; this is the only way a small town can thank you for the work to do. It's a small donation, but we hope it will go towards the future of the program.

Thank you for the work you do, it's people like WAV that are changing the world for the better.

Respectfully,



Sarah Hall

Johnathon Myette
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

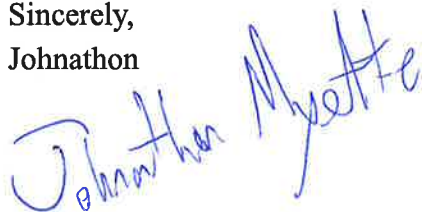
To: The good people at the Warriors Against Violence program,

Hello, my name is Johnathon. I am writing this letter from Arnprior District High School. I have taken notice of the issues going on within Aboriginal communities throughout North America concerning abuse throughout a percentage of families.

I am writing this letter in my Native Studies class because of the issues with rights and abuse we have been looking at together as a class. After watching the videos, I wish good luck to everyone attending the program and hope they can tackle this as a group.

We have taken the time to go around to collect money to donate to the program, we all wish you luck in your journeys.

Sincerely,
Johnathon



Kristin Glofcheski
59 Ottawa Street
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 1X2

Wednesday, May 10

To the good people at Warriors Against Violence,

My name is Kristin Glofcheski and I am in a grade 11 Native Studies course this semester. We learnt all about the hardships of some native families and the abuse stories and statistics stuck with me. I believe that your organization is very important and something we need in this day and age. I can't imagine the pain and hardships some families go through and I know that even the slightest bit of help can make a big difference.

What you're are doing is amazing and helping out a significant amount of aboriginal families all across British Columbia. My hope for the future is that your organization can expand to all across Canada to help more and more families who need it most. At this time an organization like yours is just what we need.

Sincerely,

Kristin Glofcheski

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Glofcheski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K'.

28th, November 2024

To the amazing people at Warriors Against Violence,

I am Myles Yetman, a grade 11 student from the highschool, ADHS located in Arnprior, Ontario. Over this semester our class has learned about domestic violence and specifically how it disproportionately impacts the indigenous community. During our discussion your organization was brought up and we learnt about the workshop you offer to help men who have fallen into the cycle of abuse heal. After watching the many different videos and reading some of the articles written about your foundation our class became very inspired. We are very grateful to the many different people volunteering and taking the time to help fight this issue and help the many families being affected by it. With the increasing rate of domestic violence over the past few years it's more important than ever that people start stepping up now. You have inspired our class to help raise awareness for different issues caused by domestic violence. Our entire class has ventured around the school class to class talking about your foundation and collecting donations. Many different students and teachers stepped up and gave money to the cause. Hopefully we were able to inspire some of the students we talked to to also spread the word.

We hope that in the future you are able to continue what you are currently doing and help even more people. You are making a large difference not only in your own community but also across Canada. We can't thank everybody at your organization enough. Thank you for all the hard work and change you are making!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Myles". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Myles Yetman

WAV letter:

The Date: November 28th 2024

To: The good people at Warriors Against Violence,

Hello, my name is Autumn Wright and I am a student from Arnprior District High School. My Indigenous studies class has been looking into violence and domestic abuse among communities in Canada.

The issue of violence not only affects the individual victim, but also their families and communities that will carry that trauma with them. The abusers often have trauma and examples of abuse in their past, which they often don't have a chance to heal from, repeating the cycle. All of this together directly affects our country as a whole. Canada has to try harder to make efforts in order to fix the problem and have these families, men, and women get access to proper help and it shows.

It is so amazing that your organization is able to give this help to people. I find it particularly important that your organization directly helps the abusers to recover and become reformed because this stops the issues from the source within the family, and they won't continue to hurt others. I find this perspective to be equally interesting and important because it is not much thought of, but I think it is the best way to keep everyone safe and healthy.

I have great trust that this program will continue to do amazing things and heal families. Good luck on your journey and keep it up!

Sincerely,



Autumn Wright