

**2014 - 11th Annual Child Witness Centre Youth Symposium**  
**Tuesday April 8, 2014, Galaxy Cinema, Woodlawn Road, Guelph**

A unique and exciting full-day event for up to 1,600 Grade Eight students throughout Guelph and Wellington County.

### **GOAL OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

The purpose of the Youth Symposium is to expose Grade Eight students to a variety of perspectives and topics that address the challenges and opportunities facing them at this key time in their development.

### **PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS**

**Take the Risk – Be STUpendous – Stu Saunders...**A hilarious and inspirational look at the challenges that young people face on a daily basis, with real tools which students can use to make the right choices.

**Get Your Hand UP – Andy Thibodeau...**Try Your Best! Take advantage of your time in school to LEARN and have FUN! This powerful message will entertain and inspire students by encouraging them to bring back their grade three enthusiasm.

**Hero Inside - Ian Tyson...**This session will help students overcome obstacles and personal tragedy, step outside their boundaries, balance their time, respect themselves and others, find a motivation in life, find the "Hero" in themselves, and MUCH MORE!

**Get Paid to Breathe! - Scott Hammell...**The Guinness World Record Holding magician teaches his highly effective techniques for turning dreams into reality.

**Global Citizenship – Deb Bodkin...** Deb will speak about her experiences in Kosovo, Chat and Sudan as a Scenes of Crime Investigator, the incredible people she met, and the need and ways all of us can become involved to challenge crimes against humanity.

**ONE MOVEMENT PRESENTS "MOVE FORWARD"...**Using dance, motivation speaking, media and entire audience participation, ONE Movement will educate students about: Bullying; Self Esteem; Teen Depression; Teen Suicide; Where to go for Help; and How to STOP bullying at your school.

**Making a Positive Difference – Mike Pearce...** Through humour, dramatic storytelling, and tangible examples, Mike will prove the ease and power of "Making a Positive Difference".

**The Olympic Journey - Becky Kellar-Duke** will talk about overcoming the obstacles and challenges on the way to Olympic Gold.

**A Journey Through Addiction, Crime and Prison - Rick Osborne...**Rick connects with students about his life as a former gang member and his 23 years in prison. Rarely does someone survive Rick's past with both the ability and the motivation to make a difference in so many young lives.

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### **THIS EVENT IS ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE CHILD WITNESS CENTRE ([www.childwitness.com](http://www.childwitness.com))**

Appearing in court can be terrifying for a child. The Child Witness Centre ensures that children don't have to face the criminal justice system alone. We help children and youth find their voices by providing vital support, preparation and court accompaniment for child victims and witnesses throughout their entire involvement with the court system. We assist over 500 children each year.

The Child Witness Centre relies on financial support from the community to sustain its services for child victims and witnesses. We welcome student fundraising on our behalf...KIDS HELPING KIDS.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

We extend our sincere thanks to the Guelph Community Foundation for their generous support of the Symposium and for sharing our vision of the value of such an event for the youth in our community.