



**Purpose...
Perspective...
Passion.**



People are Talking About Ron Anderson

"I wanted to follow up with you and again express our appreciation for the excellent presentation you delivered to our Baton Rouge City Court staff. Evaluations have been overwhelmingly positive. The content of your material gently reminded everyone of the basics of good behavior, respect and manners".

Sandy Accardo
Deputy Judicial Administrator

"Thank you so much for speaking at Young Audiences 2009 National Conference. Your presentation was informative, engaging, and meaningful. The feedback from the attendees was overwhelmingly positive and they all indicated that you had established a tone of excellence that prevailed throughout the conference".

Gail Gelfand
President



Taking the Message to Michigan

Last May, I had the privilege of presenting to audiences in Muskegon, Michigan. Sponsored by Brighter Futures, Inc. and the Muskegon Heights Public Schools Department of Curriculum and Instruction, a presentation was made at the Muskegon Heights Middle School. This presentation included the themes of "Positive Education and Optimum Potential". This was followed by a face-to-face discussion with the middle school students on their dreams and aspirations, and what mechanisms they would



need to employ in order to bring these to fruition. Later that night, a keynote presentation was made at the Muskegon Heights Adult Alternative and Community Education for their "Honors and Awards Ceremony". The theme of the ceremony was "Think Big About Your Future", and I reiterated the themes of striving to reach your fullest potential through the vehicles of education and service to the community.

These presentations were preceded by a dinner with Muskegon Heights community leaders relative to their perceptions of need in the community and how those needs could best be addressed. In attendance were Judge Gregory Pittman and his wife Kaye; Dr. Dale Nesbary, President/CEO of Muskegon Community College and his wife Connie; Gordon Rinard of "The Oneness of Humanity" and his wife Stephanie; and opera singer Carlos Seise and his wife Char. This "Dinner with Ron Anderson" was organized by Mr. Melvin Lars and his wife Sweetie of Brighter Futures. Plans are being made for Ron Anderson LLC to provide professional development services for Muskegon Heights faculty and staff, and continuing speeches geared toward students.

Professional Development Services for Faculty and Staff Now District Wide



tion. The intent is that through this process, the audience can evaluate their own attitudes and behavioral repertoires, and improve in their ability to effectively reach more of the youth in their care. When asked to evaluate the session in Morehouse parish by stating **the things I liked most about the workshop**, some of the comments were: the examples used illustrated the points made; **“attitude of the**

Requests are now being made for our professional development services for faculty and staff throughout entire parishes. These services have been provided for the entire faculty of Natchitoches parish, and most recently the entire faculty of Morehouse parish. The session being requested is entitled **“Window: Effectuating Positive Change in the Lives of Troubled Youth.”** The core objective of this training is to sensitize the audience to the dynamics that impact the lives and the corresponding behaviors of youth living in poverty; amidst violence and substance abuse; and experiencing neglect, rejection and stigmatization. Using my life experiences, the audience hears of the **specific strategies** that educators and others used to bring me back from the brink of self-destruct-

presenter; effectiveness of the presentation... **“Great reminder of why we teach and who we teach...”** **“Honest, plainspoken truths!...”** **“Awesome and inspiring real-life applications! Practical, informative, and thought-provoking are a few of the things that I enjoyed about this workshop...”** **“Applications to real-life...”** **“Reminded me to be empathetic...”** **“I feel very motivated and positive about the impact I can have in my students’ lives.”**



Training and Plenary Keynote Given in Little Rock

In September, I was honored to provide four training sessions and the plenary keynote at the 2010 Low Income Advocates Leadership and Community Development Conference. The training sessions were entitled “Developing and Managing Afterschool and Mentoring Programs”. The conference plenary keynote was entitled “Tools and Strategies for Combating Poverty.” This session provided a focus on the audiences’ perspectives as leaders,

with an emphasis on the true strategy for addressing this issue: our caring. This is the second consecutive year that I’ve been invited to participate in this conference and I’m always pleased by the response and the comments of those in the audience. As such, I’ve been invited by other agencies to return to Little Rock in the near future in order to provide trainings and conference keynote speeches.

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“Ron delivered a very touching and motivational keynote address and touched the hearts and minds of the audience. He is truly an inspiration to anyone who works with our youth”.

Ronnie Land
Conference Chairman, 99th Annual Truancy and Dropout Prevention Conference

OTHER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority “Mentoring”
- Families Helping Families (Central Louisiana) “Window”
- Louisiana State University Shreveport “Leadership”
- Gibsland Coleman and Arcadia High Schools “Raising Winners!” (Effective Parenting)
- Southern University at Shreveport “Quality Enhancement Plan” (Chancellor’s Cabinet Retreat)
- Southern University at Shreveport “Quality Enhancement Plan” (Faculty and Staff)
- Baton Rouge City Court “Professional Development Day”
- Young Audiences Arts for Learning “National Conference Keynote”
- International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention Conference Keynote

