



**Are you looking for ways to bring “STAND UP! Change Teen Statistics” to your school or organization? There are many ways to raise the funds necessary to book this inspiring teen prevention theater show. Raising money can be easy and fun for students, as well as having them become invested financially and emotionally in bringing STAND UP! to their school. Here are some ways we have found effective.**

**Appeals to:**

- PTA/PTO Organizations for your school
- Women’s Groups such as Mother’s Clubs, Women’s Auxiliary Leagues and Junior League
- Local Businesses (see attached sample letter)
- Congressmen for your district
- Student Council Funds or Student Activities Funds
- Community Funds
- Local civic organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Shriners Clubs
- Government agencies providing Title IX funding or other funding for mental, physical and emotional health for teens.
- Illinois State Board of Education Grants
- Local College Fraternal Organizations (National Panhellenic Associations)
- Local Business’s
- School alumni funds

**Your school/organization can...**

- Have a phone-a-thon
- Have students pay a fee to attend the show (such as \$1-2 each)
- Student activities fees levied at registration could include funds for this assembly show
- Student Council fund raisers such as car washes, bake sales, yard sales
- Themed dress-up days at school (students pay \$1 each day) and can attend school in costumes, crazy hat day, ugly sweater days, dress as cartoon character day, Disney Day, etc. A week of themed days could raise enough for the whole show!

**ASK US ABOUT...**

Subsidies available through a grant obtained by R.Ed.I. to help needy schools. Subsidy application can be found on line at [redifoundation.org](http://redifoundation.org)



### *SAMPLE FUNDING HELP REQUEST LETTER*

Dear Business Owner,

We need your help! Our school/organization has the opportunity to book a school assembly show entitled, “Stand Up! Change Teen Statistics” in the coming school year. This show deals with real life issues for teens such as drug/alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, cyber-bullying, violence, prejudice, texting while driving, self esteem, body image, peer pressure, and depression. It is an authentic and powerful presentation that empowers students to confront the real issues in their lives, creating a lasting impact on everyone present. They are the real stories from the lives of real teenagers performed by students who know.

Statistics for teens are grim, particularly in economically depressed schools.

- 2 out of 5 teen girls will become pregnant.
- 4 out of 5 teens experience bullying.
- 1 out of 2 teens have tried an illegal drug.
- Suicide is the third leading cause of teen death.
- 1 out of 4 student will be involved in a hate crime.

And these are just SOME of the statistics used in the show. YOU can help make a difference TODAY in your community.

Consider sponsoring a school in your area. Each show costs approximately \$2500 to present, with some savings for multiple shows booked. Your contribution could literally change the life of a teen. Our statistics show that an astounding 76% of students who have seen the show said they know someone who should see it. 86% say that this show inspired them to change and 39% said that they were encouraged to seek help! These are statistics we **need** in our schools.

For more information about the R.Ed.I. Foundation (who produces “STAND UP!”), please visit their website at [www.redifoundation.org](http://www.redifoundation.org). We need this presentation for our school and community and you can help be a force for good. Positive change is achievable!

Enclosed please find a sponsorship form. We make every effort to promote the businesses who make possible our dream for safer schools and encouraging teens to make the next **right** choice. R.Ed.I. Arts and Education is a 501(c)3 organization, and your contribution is tax-exempt.

Thank you for considering our school. We hope to partner with you soon to educate/inspire local teens.