

# “Dreams Not Drugs”

## “Have we robbed our youth?”

As we move closer to the 21st century, American society has inadvertently robbed its youth of the opportunity to work and along with its purpose and even dignity. One of the key issues facing our youth is aimlessness. We replaced meaningful work for youth in the 19th century with a vacuum. That vacuum can be as easily filled with drugs and alcohol as with positive experiences. USA Today reported on 9/10/96 that “...many baby boomer parents expect their teenage children to experiment with drugs and do not consider that a problem.”

## Solution

Existing institutions including

- K-12 public education
- Families
- Local churches
- Local businesses

are already overwhelmed. No matter how valid the solution, they claim not to have the resources to implement viable solutions.

We are proposing that students themselves take more responsibility because ultimate responsibility usually lies with the person who derives the greatest benefit. Many of our junior and senior high students are underachievers or lack direction, we believe this is a result of

- Aimlessness,
- Low expectations and
- Parasitic relationships.



## Founders

Author and speaker Bob Biehl offers caring observations that lead to the implementation of dreams. Bob has been working with men and women regarding their dreams and passions since 1976.

Most of us do not understand the value and power inherent in a dream. Bob Biehl does. Bob Biehl believes that the vacuum that exists for many of our youth can be filled with the excitement and self-esteem that follow from fulfilling a dream.

Jason and Bill Wilkie, co-founders, ask penetrating questions that have challenged students over the last 18 years to accomplish extraordinary things by being distinctive. They define distinctive as “...doing the out-of-the-ordinary just well.”

The Wilkies’ and Bob Biehl believe that American youth dream all the time. They even know what some of their talents and passions are in junior high. Students need encouragement to create a project or activity where they can implement and fulfill their dream.

## Challenge

“Youth with a Dream” is calling forth a cadre of students and coaches including parents, church members, retirees, and businessmen to help American youth take back the responsibility for creating their own future by focusing on:

- Identifying a dream/passion
- Pairing it up with a talent/gift
- Creating a project
- Making it integral to their life
- Adding value to their world now

## Benefits

Our goal is to produce the following benefits among 25% of American youth by age 18:

- Students who take responsibility for their future and hold the rest of us accountable for doing our part.
- Reduce receptivity to drugs and alcohol by filling the vacuum with a dream.
- Youth with a declared purpose.
- Youth who know how to organize a dream into a project and complete it alone or with others.
- College freshman who graduate in four years because they have explored careers and chosen a major.
- Students who are self supporting by 18.
- Students who are capable of working their way through college at 2 to 3 times the minimum wage.

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Is it now time?