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COURAGE TO CARE EXHIBITION WHAT DID IT DO FOR OUR STUDENTS?

The living historian has the real potential to not only touch the minds but also the hearts of students of history, and so it was with the Courage to Care Exhibition for our students and staff. To share in the intimacy of one's life is a privilege; to share in the intimacy and the life of a holocaust survivor, to relive with them their pain, their hurt, their sense of despair and abandonment; to witness their courage in the telling of their story and to appreciate the depth of their courage and survival instincts has a profound impact on one's being. Staff and students were "stilled" by the experience.

The Exhibition in creating an awareness of the holocaust, does more than perpetuate the collective memory of the most tragic of historical events. It touches the hearts of the audience. Indeed, the engagement of mind and heart provides a wonderful opportunity for a teacher to build on the experience, to build on the arousal of conscience and to empower students to change their attitudes and modes of behaviour which deny love to fellow human beings. Hopefully through the experience students are empowered to actually take the next step of actively attempting to change their society for the betterment of all people. The experience is truly empowering and liberating.

Youth today are crying out for right values to live by, the experience of attending Courage to Care speaks powerfully to youth about what are right values. Students perceive the reality of the importance of doing the right thing, that is of being true to the fundamental values which find expression in genuine care for the sanctity of human life and respect for each and every person as a human being.

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