

DVDs AVAILABLE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DRUNK DRIVING

Meth: Big Time Drug in Small Town America

Volume 1: *Victims*--John, 24, grew up in a home where drugs were easily accessible. As a young child he was cooking, cleaning and taking care of his younger sister, Ashley. He was in and out of foster care and eventually followed in the footsteps of his mother and began using meth. Soon afterwards, he was one of the biggest suppliers in his community. Ashley, 19, also became addicted to meth after being neglected by her mom and sexually abused by her father. John and Ashley are both in recovery, but constant peer pressure make it difficult not to fall back on old friends and old habits. Dr. Sullivan Smith talks about his experiences as an emergency room physician. He explains the trauma children suffer when they have to leave their home with nothing and then be examined and decontaminated in a cold, sterile environment. Pictures are shown to illustrate the squalor that children are exposed to in meth labs. *18 minutes, 2005, \$70.00*

Volume 2: *Facing the Addiction*--Former users testify as to how they were able to get off the drug and become productive citizens. A detective discusses what law enforcement is up against in trying to apprehend criminals and prevent further crimes. Walter Williams, Executive Director of Synergy Treatment Center, believes that some meth addicts can recover if they have access to long-term treatment and an intensive aftercare plan. His center has a free, one-year residential program for adults. Darrick and Jamie were once enslaved by meth before they were able to get help through Synergy. Darrick learned how to make meth from his father and started using at 15. He was relieved when he finally went to jail. Jamie used drugs for 18 years. He attributes his recovery to treatment and a strong faith in God. David terrorized his family during his years of meth use. When told by his wife that she was going to leave, he decided to commit suicide. He shot himself in the face, and though it did not kill him, it disfigured him permanently. He never used meth after that incident and now travels the country sharing his story. *25 minutes, 2005, \$70.00*

Voices of Victims - Victims of DUI, homicide, domestic violence, and child sexual abuse share their stories. DVD is divided into 6 stand-alone segments.

Whitney was killed by a drunk driver the day before Mother's Day, 1996 after getting a ride home with a friend who had been drinking. Her father, Jack, shares regret that his normally responsible daughter made one bad decision. Even though the driver received a short sentence, Jack does not give in to bitterness, but instead chooses to honor his daughter's life by speaking out. Jeffrey was stuck by a drunk driver while getting out of his car. He landed about 50 feet from the car and died a short time later in the hospital. The driver had already had 3 DUIs before this incident.

Edward and his fiancé's sister were murdered in 1999 when a fight broke out at the home of a friend. He begged for his life before he was shot. The shooter replied, "I'm going to prison anyway." The gun jammed twice before he shot Edward in the face. Edward's sister, Tonya, shares the impact of this crime on her life and encourages the viewer to think about choices and consequences. Sarah, a high-school

student, was an employee at a fast food restaurant. One day a man broke into the restaurant, stole several thousand dollars and forced Sarah and a co-worker into the cooler and shot them from behind. Sarah's dad, Jerry, initially avoided talking about the incident, but later realized he couldn't continue to keep it all inside.

Artie was sexually abused by an uncle when he was 10 years old. His parents had recently divorced and his mother mistakenly attributed his behavior problems to the breakup of the family. She had warned her children about "stranger danger," but Artie was confused because, in his case, the perpetrator was a member of the family. He did eventually tell, and his uncle is now in prison. Gail fell in love with who she thought was the man of her dreams. Soon after their marriage he began pushing, shoving, and pulling her hair. When the abused escalated to a brutal beating, she went to the hospital. The police and social worker told her that the abuse would happen again, but Gail chose to reunite with her husband. The violence continued for six more years. For Gail, the turning point was a story on the news about a woman being murdered by her husband. *42 minutes, 2001, \$70.00*

Voices of Ex-Offenders: The Road to Restoration

Part one: Clemmie learned at an early age that she was not safe in her own home. She was sexually abused almost daily by men in the neighborhood. She got pregnant and had a child at age 13. Not knowing what to do with a baby, she left him with her mother and grandmother to raise and hit the streets to pursue a life of drugs and crime. Her son went on to join a gang which eventually led to this death. Clemmie takes full responsibility for her role in setting him up for a life of crime and is now on a mission to save other kids. She is also an advocate for the homeless and mentally-ill.

Part two: Ross grew up with an alcoholic father who would often leave for days or months at a time. When he would return he would expect to walk back in and have everything be the same. Ross hated his father's actions but eventually followed the same path. He also started drinking and eventually became addicted to cocaine. He lost custody of his son. To support his habit he began committing robberies. Eventually, he was caught and sent to prison and at that point he surrendered. He got involved with as many programs as possible. He is now out of prison and has been clean 5 years. Ross now serves as a mentor to inmates and teaches classes in the county jail.

Part three: Andrey's path to prison began in childhood. His father left the family and his mom was left to raise him on her own. Because his mother had to work he was often left alone. He was sexually abused at age 8 by a friend in the neighborhood. He began a life of crime and drug use during his teenage years. Between 1989 and 1996 he was arrested 37 times. In 1997 he set out to rob a convenience store as he had done many times before, but this time a man tried to stop the robbery and was injured in the process. Andrey was apprehended by the police who told him the man would likely die and the charges would be changed from aggravated assault to murder. Andrey began praying the man would live, but he died two days later. He later felt convicted

that his prayers were offered up out of his own self-interest, rather than for the man he had killed. It was at this point he saw himself for the first time. In prison he found support with others who wanted to change through an intensive reentry and aftercare program. He says he entered prison a child and left as a man. He is now in college and is pursuing certification in alcohol and drug counseling. *34 minutes, 2009, \$90.00*