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Dr. Stephen R. Sroka, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Sroka;

Thank you for the excellent presentation you conducted at our 1996 American Red Cross National Convention. You were the highest rated Guest Speaker by the delegates on their evaluations. Many of the delegates continued to talk about your program throughout the Convention weekend, as did many of the adult youth coordinators who were also in attendance. Your presentation was not only entertaining with the many side jokes, but one of the most informative presentations I have ever had the pleasure of attending. Every aspect of your talk related directly to the kids, from your early beginnings, to your problems in school, your physical triumphs, to becoming a doctor. I can't say exactly what the delegates took home with them from your program, but I can say that I learned plenty. I got goose bumps on the ovation the delegates gave you at the conclusion of your presentation. Much of what I can say has been said many times before to you, with all of the awards you have received. What I admire most about you is that you sincerely enjoy and are honest in helping out the kids. The most important aspect is that you are effective and reach to their understanding levels.

I want to especially Thank You for your flexibility with our schedule, as well as, understanding and dealing with the small room that we were assigned. Despite the physical shortcomings of the room, the delegates enjoyed the program and received your message very clearly.

I was happy that I was able to meet you and see your presentation. You helped to make our program a huge success. I hope you had an opportunity to meet some of our delegates and share more of your ideas with them. Our future is in the hands of today's youth, who will be tomorrow's leaders. Having role models, as yourself, will positively influence their behavior so they can successfully lead solid and productive lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Gareis".

John Gareis
Chairman, Program Activities
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