

**THE MUNICIPAL COURT
OF LAWRENCEVILLE**

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It Won't Happen To Me, Inc.

Bill Richardson
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Dear Bill:

I have always had great respect and appreciation for the "It Won't Happen To Me" program. The Lawrenceville Municipal Court has used these books as a tool to help get teens attention regarding the seriousness of driving. Last week I attended your Teen Victim Impact Program for a two-fold purpose. This court was considering using this program to raise the awareness of teen driving safety and secondly because my son was ordered to attend.

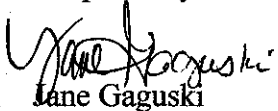
What I came away with was more than I expected. I expected to better understand the program and speak with you about using this program. I expected to sit by my son, giving my support in his effort to be a safer driver. I even expected to see parents of teens that had become victims of a teen crash, their photos displayed, testimonies and a few students participating in discussions. What I came away with will change my views forever.

I didn't expect to hear about the divorces, suicides, loss of jobs and the disruption of sibling's lives to the point they lost focus on their own life. I didn't expect to hear the number one reason for teen deaths in car crashes were failing to wear their seatbelts. I didn't expect to hear how to handle communications between you and your teenager if they are running late, got mixed up in the wrong crowd or made a bad decision in alcohol related choices. I didn't expect you to explain to these young drivers how to get their vehicle back on the roadway safely, if they ran off the shoulder. I didn't expect to come away impacted so greatly by what you are doing for our teens. I didn't expect to see a mother tell her story of how her life was changed forever.

As a parent of a teen driver, thank you so much. Thank you for opening so many topics of discussion between me and my son, that we both thought were "understood" but are now "confirmed" between us.

It takes everyone to help teens be safe. The teenager, our lawmakers, educators, judicial systems, parents, family and friends and anyone else that touches their life can play an important part. Thank you for making a difference. I thank you and Judge Muise for what you did for me as a parent and for my son by making him aware of how serious this is. I am excited to say that the TVIP program is now a part of our program for youthful offenders in this court.

Respectfully I remain,



Jane Gaguski
Court Administrator

Cc: Patricia Muise, Judge, Gwinnett County Recorder's Court
Dennis T. Still, Chief Judge, Lawrenceville Municipal Court