

A youth was referred to me some time ago as a result of substance abuse issues. This young man, we will call him Joe, was drinking in the mornings before school and engaging in high risk behaviour. I worked with him for a few months and he showed considerable improvement. He gave up drinking, chewing tobacco, continued seeing a clinician, among other things. I was very proud of him.

One day, an email came my way, through Kids Up Front, to let me know that there were two tickets available for the musical, Oliver Twist (one of my favourite). I asked Joe if he wanted to come with me as a reward for his new healthy and active way of life. While the thought of a musical did not appeal to him, he reluctantly agreed and we attended Oliver Twist. As it turns out, Joe loved it! The tickets that were so generously donated were a great reward for a young man with a new perspective of life! This was something he would never have been able to otherwise experience because of our limited budget.

Thank you!

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