

Presentations in the York Region District School Board

Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill – we were invited to present on the prevalence of poverty close to home and the links between poverty and poor health to 2 Grade 12 Nutrition and Health Sciences Classes. Three of us as Advocates for AAA presented together and developed a new powerpoint presentation geared towards students. Also one advocate produced a vocabulary sheet to be used by students to familiarize them about the terms used when talking about poverty and its consequences.

We titled this presentation: **POVERTY IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.**

Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket – We were invited to speak to a Grade 10 Civics Class after one of our Advocates sons who attends this class wanted to do a presentation on poverty in Ontario, more specifically YR. The teacher had difficulties with this because he had been teaching that poverty in Canada is rare and in YR, non-existent. Gregory knew a great deal more about the subject, living in challenging financial circumstances for most of his young life and also having a mother who is likely the most active parent advocate for people living in poverty that we all know in YR. She just happens to be on our own Do the Math Working Group for YR and co-chairs the Poverty Action for Change Coalition.

To the teacher's credit, he was able to see beyond his ideas when challenged appropriately, he gave Greg permission to do his presentation on poverty in our own country and locally, and went another step further to invite Kristine, Greg's mother to come to his class and make a presentation in the near future. Kristine, Rita and I will likely do it together having had such a great experience working with the staff and students at Bayview weeks before.