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Grants in Action—"The Yellow Dress" play educates 1500 students

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HAVIN and the Armstrong County Community Foundation brought the educational play "The Yellow Dress" to seven Armstrong County high schools in the Spring of 2006 in an effort to prevent dating abuse and domestic violence.

"This program taught students to identify the warning signs of abusive behaviors, understand the unique aspects of teen dating violence, learn how to help friends and family members, and develop a school awareness of the issue" said Jo Ellen Bowman, ED at HAVIN. This original play is based on a true story produced by an organization called Deana's Fund. Leanne Babyak, an elementary education student at Robert Morris University, starred in this demanding role.

Over 1500 11th & 12th grade students viewed this powerful and dramatic one-woman play. HAVIN and the ACCF thank all of the administration and staff of our local schools and the volunteers who made these presentations possible.

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- ☞ Giving grants, scholarships, and organizational support to address the changing needs of our community
- ☞ Building a permanent endowment for our community and helping our donors create a legacy for the future
- ☞ Promoting informed philanthropy and volunteerism to increase charitable resources for the region
- ☞ Providing leadership and building partnerships to identify and solve community issues

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