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Dear Ms. Fox, Ms. Itzkowitz, & the BAPT team,

Thank you so much for presenting a workshop/performance for our NYC, **Margaret's Place Peer Leadership Program**. The Margaret's Place Peer Leader program consists of middle and high school aged students at our schools that are committed to making a difference in their communities to end domestic violence, teen relationship abuse, and other forms of interpersonal violence. Peer leaders learn about these issues and put together school-wide campaigns to raise awareness in their communities. This year our peer leaders have raised awareness about domestic violence, teen relationship abuse, and cyber-bullying. Your workshop assisted our peer leaders in exploring what 'healthy relationships' meant to them so that they could raise awareness about healthy vs. unhealthy relationships at their schools. You created a safe space where our young people could explore some very personal experiences, while feeling supported throughout the process. Many of the youth and adult participants expressed that the workshop/performance taught them something about themselves as well as made them feel like they were not alone. "You are not alone", is one of our core messages, and we were glad to have your support in communicating this to our Peer Leaders.

The Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation is a 501c3. Our Margaret's Place programs serve Middle School and High School students through NYC, Westchester, and Los Angeles. Margaret's Place provides students with a 'safe space' to speak to a counselor or social worker about domestic violence, teen dating violence, and other forms of violence and abuse. We are dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence by empowering youth to get help, and to speak out to promote healthy relationships in their lives and communities.

Thank you once again for the empowering work you do with youth. We are very grateful for the work you shared with our participants and encourage you to continue your work with youth. You are making a huge difference. We hope to have more opportunities to collaborate.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rubin
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