



# Sheriff's Community Impact Program

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TO: S.L. YOUNG (Sly)

FROM: MICHAEL SAIGEON <sup>MS</sup>  
Founder, Sheriff's Community Impact Program

RE: **SUPPORT FOR AND APPRECIATION OF S.L. YOUNG'S POWERFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL WORK TOWARDS YOUTH ADVOCACY**

As both the Founder of the non-profit Sheriff's Community Impact Program and a Youth Officer for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, in California, I am endlessly working to find ways to encourage and/or empower some of our County's most incorrigible youth – Those who are most at risk of taking a path that leads them to lifelong poverty, sadness, incarceration or even death. I, too, look for ways to keep my own mental health resilient and prepared so I can effectively respond to an ever-changing and uncertain world.

The social media phenomena has brought about both positive and negative consequences for society and especially for our youth. In my pursuit to learn as much information as I can on current events, social justice, educational and justice reform movements, etc., I look to social media as one way to glean a diverse source of information and in doing so, I also meet some incredibly passionate people.

You are one such person whom I have had the opportunity to learn about thanks to the mediums Facebook and Twitter. You have "lived it" and understand what it takes for our kids to overcome those odds that stack up against them and still land on both feet to lead a productive and healthy life. Knowledge is powerful and can be obtained in many ways, including by experiences. Your quotes in and of themselves, as shared on your website, books, and on your social media pages, can serve as a beacon of hope for so many who are unable to even grasp the notion of what hope really means.

It gives me great pleasure to share my thoughts about you and your life's work and despite the fact I am in California, I consider your passion to be a powerful resource to my efforts to help our kids thrive as successful and productive citizens.

For all you do, Sly, thank you.

Cc: Debby Walker, Chair  
Sheriff's Community Impact Program

