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What people are saying about the *Depression: True Stories* forum at the Massachusetts State House

"This film is transformative. It gives me hope."

Senator Gale D. Candaras

Co-chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

"Thank you to all who put this project and forum together. As was stated at the forum, Depression and Mental Illness of any kind must be talked about in order to reduce the stigma attached. Everyone needs to know that Mental Illness is no different than a Physical Illness, after all our brains are part of our physical body. The forum was excellent."

Barbara Whitcomb

See A New Sun Foundation/Member of the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention

"Thank you for an incredibly moving and important morning, both for me personally and in my capacity as a legislative aide. Sharing stories that so accurately illustrate the devastating reality of depression help people to understand its gravity and the necessity to treat it as the disease that it is. Courageous work such as yours, and that of the participants in the film, have allowed me to cope with my own battle with depression absent the stigma that prevents so many young people from seeking and obtaining the treatment they need. Thank you for bringing this inspiring film and productive forum to the State House. You are doing invaluable work."

Meredith Reeves, Legislative Aide

Representative Denise Provost

"As a clinical social worker I am deeply appreciative of your work and the opportunity it provides to educate a wide range of students about the important issue of depression. A number of us from the guidance department at Boston College High School attended yesterday's conference, and this morning we worked on adding the video to our guidance curriculum. Thanks again for putting this information together in such an accurate and useable form. I do believe it can save lives."

Patricia Curtis Pope, Guidance Department

Boston College High School

"Yesterday's session was very inspirational and educational. I was very happy to have had the opportunity to attend and to bring the information back to our staff here at Partners EAP. The staff will view the DVD and we will encourage employees to view it through our lending library. The booklets will also be available to Partners Health System employees."

Leslie P. Strachan, LICSW, CEAP, LADC I, Corporate Employee Assistance Consultant

Partners EAP: Work & Life Resource

"Thank you so much for a wonderful forum! The DVD presentation and follow up speakers were great and the Haas family's stories spoke volumes about how depression affects each member of the family. Michael's honesty about what depression feels like and his parent's willingness to share how they missed the signs and kept pushing forward with their own college agenda were powerful."

Peggy Quilty

Beacon High School