

RECEPTION ACQUAINTS PEOPLE WITH LEXINGTON DRUG PROGRAM

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"Hi, my name is Bill," the cherubic 15-year-old told an audience yesterday. "The drugs I did were alcohol, marijuana, speed, hash, uppers, downers and various inhalants such as gasoline and fingernail polish. I did these drugs for six years. I've been straight for six months."

Like Bill, other fresh-faced youngsters recited the list of drugs they had abused.

All eight said they were drug free now after undergoing therapy in a Lexington drug program, Possibilities Unlimited Inc.

They spoke during a reception at Possibilities Unlimited's headquarters, the former Briar Hill Elementary School.

The reception was held to acquaint people with the program and to show donors how their money is being spent, said director George Ross.

Possibilities Unlimited has been the major recipient of money from the Foundation for a Drug Free Youth, formed last year.

The goal of the foundation is to raise a \$1 million endowment fund to support programs such as Possibilities Unlimited. The foundation has already raised \$625,000 in grants, cash and pledges, said Catesby Clay, the president.

Money is needed for scholarships to needy families who want their child to enter the program, said Ross.

There are 70 boys and girls in the program. They are from 18 Kentucky counties and eight other states.

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