

Feedback...

Hello Lorraine,
Here is my full story as to why I was so impressed by your magazine.

I am an elementary school teacher working in a rural area just outside of Ottawa. Last year I had a high school student working with me for a co-op program. She was almost 18, no self-esteem and her great ambition was to quit school, move in and marry her boyfriend, as soon as she turned 18, and be a waitress. She also wanted children. She had a troubled life with a runaway father and a questionable mother. CAS and social workers had been involved. The family was well known to the police. Her boyfriend was very controlling and older - almost a father figure. Her brothers physically abused her to the point that she had to call 911 a few times.

During our year together I would talk to this girl and she would talk to me. By the end of the year she had decided to finish high school, go on to college and pursue a career in early childhood education. The marriage and babies were on hold until at least after college. How did this happen? By being a role model for this girl, listening to her problems, offering constructive advice and giving her limits and responsibility and most importantly of all, praise. At the end of the year I told her "I knew you could do it!" She cried and hugged me. The funny thing is that I thought I was helping this girl but what in fact happened was that this girl helped me. I saw myself in this girl. I remembered a messed up, low esteem teenager. There were a lot of personal things that this young woman and I confided in each other. I told her how it had taken years for me to become the confident person I now am because I had no one to say "I know you can do it."

I wanted her to learn from my mistakes and my successes so I confided in her. I told her how it had taken years for me to become the confident person I now am because I had no one to say "I know you can do it!". I even told her how I ended up marrying a controlling husband and my marriage was in trouble because I speak my mind with confidence and demand my independence. She made me realize that I had succeeded, that I had "done it".

Not enough young girls get the mentoring and support they need to strive to their full potential. It is shocking how many girls from rural areas and certain minorities strive for nothing but to get married. I am not against marriage or men. I love them both but I worry about girls who may marry for the wrong reasons or who marry before they have experienced what they can do with their life first.

As a teacher I encourage my girls to be strong, to speak out and go for it! I praise their every effort and let them know that I knew they could do it. Your magazine gives the same message of support and praise to women of all ages. Go for it because you can do it. Thanks for publishing it.

Marilyn

Ottawa, ON

Good afternoon,
I was checking out your website and was looking for some networking luncheons/functions specifically held in Calgary. Is there a chapter in Calgary?

Brenda

Calgary, AB

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Hi Lorraine,
I ran into your bio on the Roaring Women site and I was really inspired. I thought that just publishing the magazine was a terrific accomplishment! You have really set the bar high and I commend you for that. A real inspiration for other women.
Thank you,
Louise
Calgary, AB

Hello Lorraine,
I have just finished reading a copy of your excellent November/December issue, which I discovered at a friend's house. I applaud the efforts you and your contributors put into creating such a positive and inspirational publication.

My vote for this issue goes to Shelly Paul for her well-researched and sensibly written piece on selling a home. This is a useful topic and included some practical advice that the average seller wouldn't normally think about.

Keep up the good work, and I hope 'Women with Vision' continues to get the success you deserve. Best regards,
Stephen



Women with Vision's Jan/Feb 2006 cover woman, Linda Lundstrom shares a moment with Publisher, Lorraine Leslie at her Fall 2006 Fashion Show.

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