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Dear Community Member:

As a member of Community Alert Network, I hope this letter finds you enjoying what I hope will be a beautiful spring season. I know I am not alone in wanting to move on from our harsh winter weather.

Springtime brings us many gifts. It is a time of beautiful weather, outside activities, flowers blooming and our children looking forward to summer vacations and graduations. The unfortunate reality is springtime is an especially dangerous time for our kids.

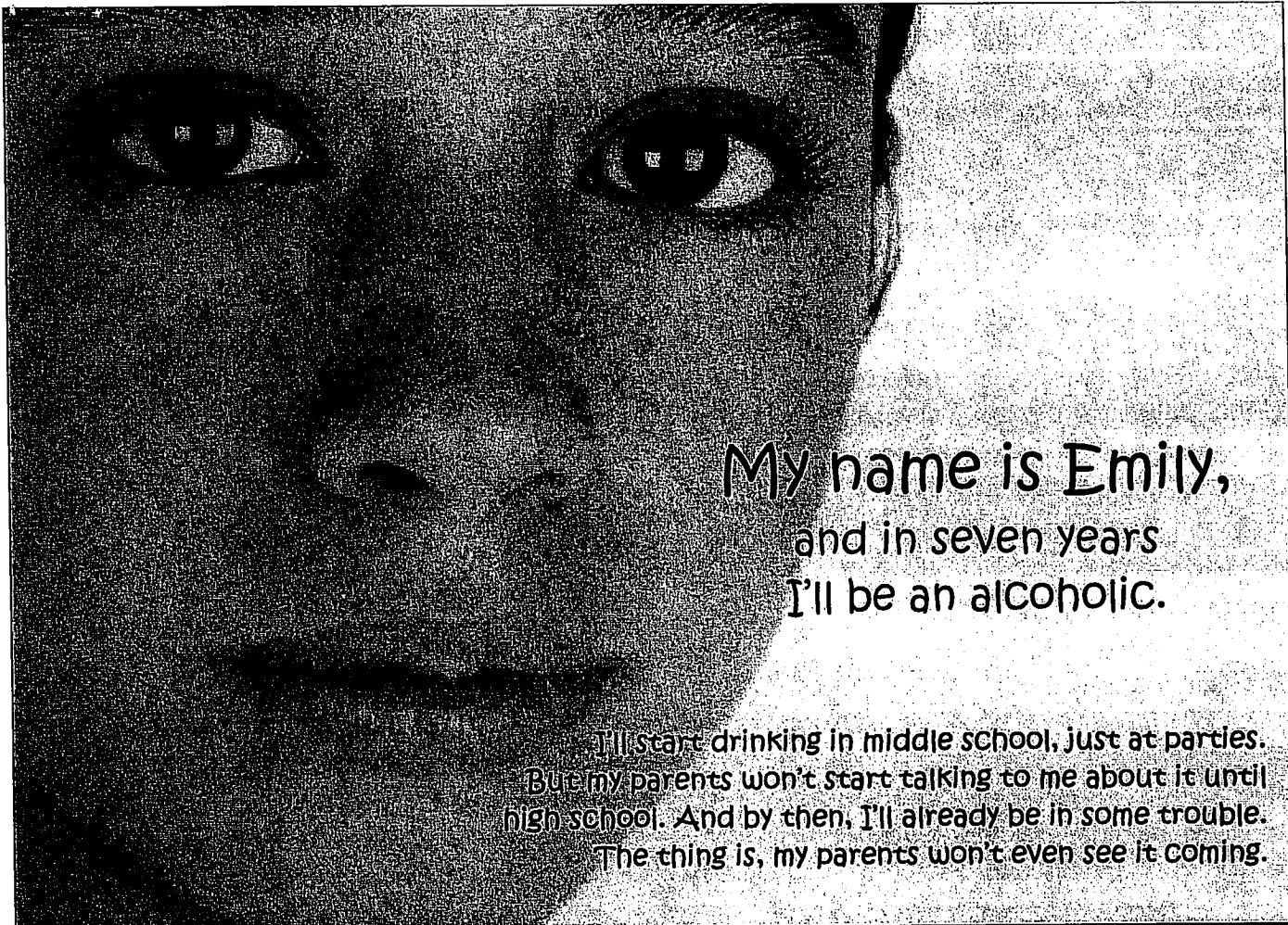
In this country every year, we lose our teens to alcohol related accidents. Even one family losing their beloved child is one family too many. I want to insure that a Douglas County teen does not become a grim statistic this year. I am enclosing information on a town hall meeting to be held on Monday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the Lawrence-Douglas County Community Health Facility at 200 Maine. My hope is you and your organization will join me and others in the community to learn how to talk to our kids about alcohol and drugs, how to tell if our children are using alcohol or drugs, youth access to alcohol and the genetic links to alcoholism. This program is being brought to us by the Community Health Improvement Project.

I hope to see you on the 31st and may you and your families have a safe and happy spring season.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Branson

Enclosure



My name is Emily,
and in seven years
I'll be an alcoholic.

I'll start drinking in middle school, just at parties.
But my parents won't start talking to me about it until
high school. And by then, I'll already be in some trouble.
The thing is, my parents won't even see it coming.

START TALKING BEFORE THEY START DRINKING

Kids who drink before age 15 are 5 times more likely to have alcohol problems when they're adults.

Please join us for an important conversation about underage drinking.
The forum will cover a broad range of topics including: how to talk to your kids about alcohol and drugs; how to tell if your child is using alcohol or drugs; youth access to alcohol and genetic links to alcoholism.

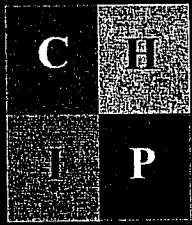
This free event is open to the public, but registration is requested.

Email jbrinkerhoff@dcca.org or call 841-4138.

A light meal will be provided.

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Monday, March 31st, 6:30pm
Lawrence-Douglas County
Community Health Facility
200 Maine, Lawrence

