

The cast and crew of THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, dedicate this show to Rachel Scott's memory and mission.



WHO IS RACHEL SCOTT?

Rachel Joy Scott was a 17 year old girl who was the first fatality of the school shooting at Columbine High School in 1999. Rachel felt a strong connection with Anne Frank and was inspired by Anne's life and writings. She too felt strongly about the "goodness" people possess and can share with others if they choose to do so. Though over 60 years separate these young girls-their lives share striking similarities. Both Anne and Rachel kept journals detailing their deepest thoughts, concerns and desires and both girls had an intense belief that they personally had the power to change their world for the better, and had taken measures to do just that. Sadly, both girls were tragically killed before they got to see the effects their lives have had and continue to have on millions throughout the world.

In her short life, Rachel left a legacy of reaching out to those who were different, who were picked on by others, or who were new at her school. Shortly before her death she wrote,

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

Rachel's Challenge was started by Rachel's dad and stepmom, Darrell and Sandy Scott when they realized that the writings and drawings Rachel left not only had an impact on her friends and classmates, but also resonated with students around the world. Although Rachel was a typical teenager who even wrote about her "ups and downs," she had a passion and conviction that she would someday change the world. The Scott family knew her story and passion had to be told to inspire others to make their world a better place.

More than 19 million people have been touched by Rachel's message, and they continue the legacy of making a difference in their communities. Each year at least 2 million more people are added to that number.

This past fall our school family was incredibly lucky to take part in this program and many who attended were touched dramatically! It is our hope that this production can enhance and continue the "chain reaction" Rachel spoke of, in our schools and community.