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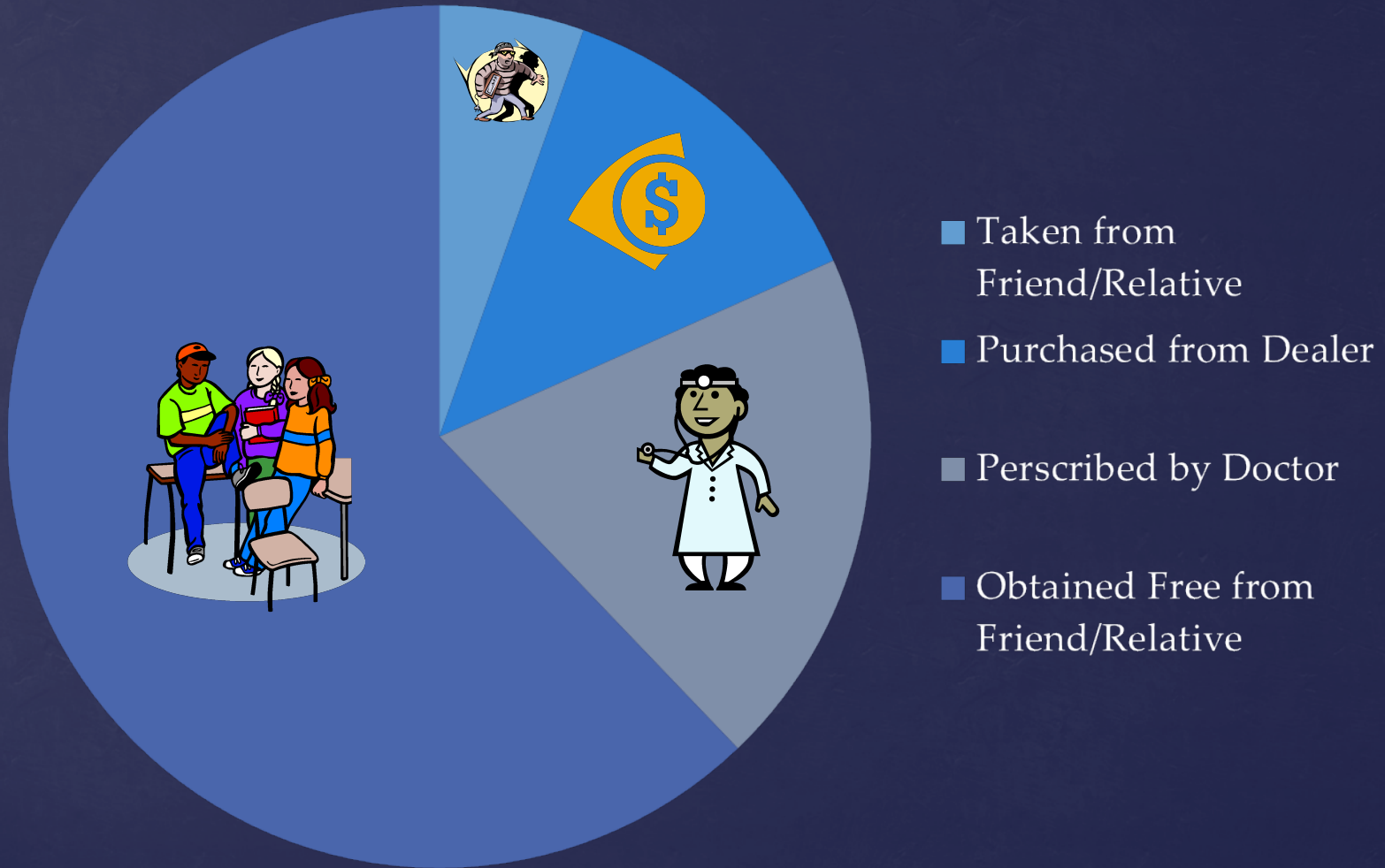
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In honor of Andy Hirst

January 8th, 1986 – May 17th, 2010

Where do abusers get their drugs?



How it all began.....

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Morphine developed
as a painkiller



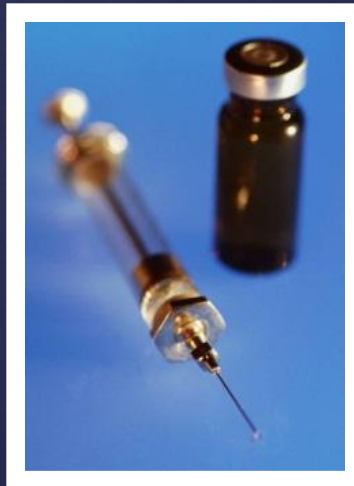
1850's

Morphine available
in US to treat pain



1860's

Tens of thousands
of soldiers become
morphine
“addicts”



1874

Heroin was introduced to combat morphine addiction. This new “Wonderdrug” was considered safe and non addictive.

1870's – 1900's

Heroin was packaged and given to adults and children as freely as aspirin is today.

1920

Congress implemented Dangerous Drug Act. No longer was heroin allowed to be purchased over the counter.



1923 - Heroin becomes illegal due to an addiction epidemic.

There are 200,000 + addicts in the U.S.



January 8th, 1986



Andrew Michael Hirst
is born.

❖ 1995 - Oxycontin is introduced.



Andy is just 9 years old.



Andy was just a regular
kid...

- ❖ 2001 – Congress declares “Decade of Pain Control” and doctors are encouraged to treat pain in all people.
- ❖ 1999-2007 – 300 Million prescriptions are written each year. US now consumes 80% of all opiates in the world.



During that time Andy
graduates High School.

2007- Purdue Pharma pleads guilty for “intent to defraud public” when they advertised Oxycontin as “addiction proof.”





**No one in Andy's family is aware of his
drug problem.**

❖ May 2008, Memorial Day weekend - Andy admits to his dad for the first time, that he is addicted to Oxycontin...

...Andy spends 2 weeks in Brighton at Rehab.



- ❖ 2008 - Prescription painkiller overdoses kill 15,000 people.

Nearly 2.5 million Americans are addicted.



4 months after admitting he has a problem.....

- ❖ September 2008 - Andy is arrested on Heroin possession.

Andy spends 2 more weeks in rehab.



Rehabilitation

Oxycontin and Heroin are almost molecularly identical.

COST:

\$ 80 per Oxycontin pill

\$ 10 per Heroin hit



January 2009, Andy is 23 years old...

- ❖ Andy overdoses for the first time on Heroin.

No one knew for 6 months that this was
Andy's first overdose.



- ❖ In 2009, it is reported that 140,000 new people over the age of twelve try Heroin.
- ❖ 213,000 ER visits are attributed to the drug that same year.



Just four months after the first overdose,
May 2009...

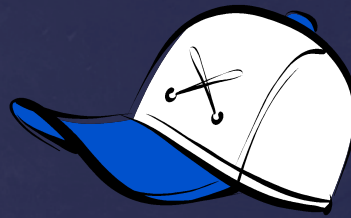
- Andy overdoses on Heroin for the second time. He passes out behind the wheel of his car and is taken to the hospital by ambulance.



Andy returns to Rehab for 30 days.

August 2009, 1 month out of rehab....

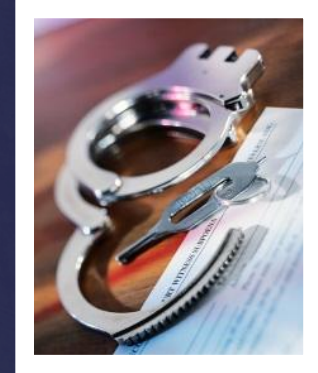
- ❖ Andy is arrested for retail fraud.
He stole a hat.



A few days later Andy overdoses for the third time. He is found with the needle still stuck in his arm.

January 2010.....

Andy violates probation by failing a drug test. He is ordered to spend 90 days in jail.



Andy is released after 76 days for good behavior.

He is clean and sober and ready to get his life back on track.



- ❖ In April 2010 a supposed "abuse resistant," controlled release formulation of Oxycontin is approved for sale in the United States.
- ❖ That same year Heroin use doubles.



May 17th, 2010



- ❖ Early morning hours Andy leaves a picture of himself as a child on the counter for his family to find.
- ❖ Around 10:00 a.m. a green truck approaches the job site Andy is at. Andy is seen giving them an item.

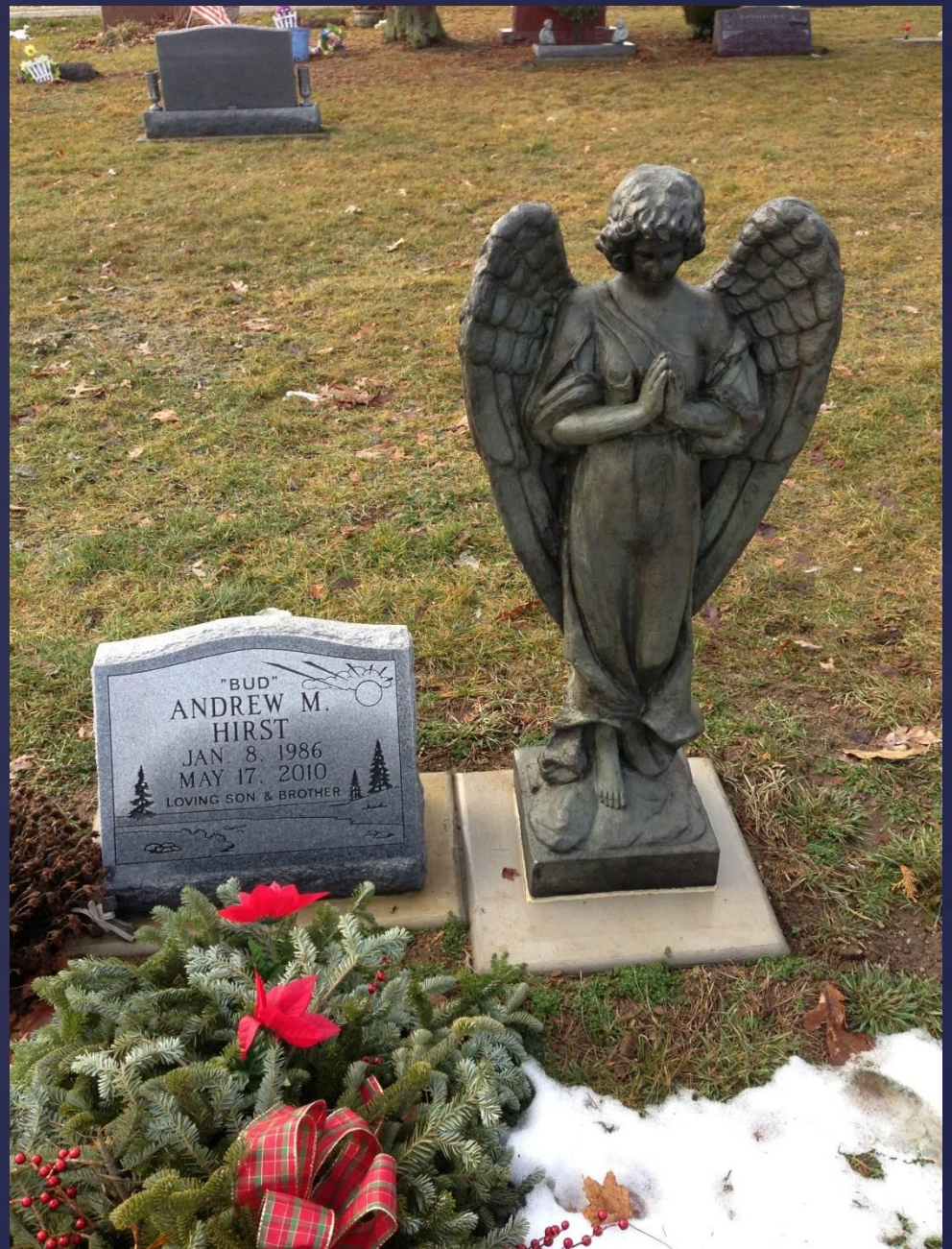
- 11:45 a.m. the green truck returns and Andy takes something and puts it in his pocket.
- 2:45 p.m. a call is made to Andy's dad at the office, Andy was found not breathing in a porta john on the job site.



Andy fatally overdoses on Heroin.

Andy was just 24 years old.

*Heroin: First it takes your money,
then it takes your freedom and
finally it takes your life.*



The faces of addiction...your child,
your sibling, your friend, your
neighbor.



Families Against Narcotics

The FAN's Mission--"With FAN no family suffers alone."

The Fan Mission and Vision is to raise awareness of the prescription opiate drug abuse epidemic, to reduce the stigma and change the face of addiction, to educate about the dangers of prescription and illegal narcotic use and to support those affected by drug abuse and addiction. Our goal is to encompass change in the perception and treatment of addiction and to be an advocate for change throughout society. Through Real People Sharing Real Stories and factual data, we reduce the stigma attached to addiction and create an open forum for families and professionals to receive valuable insight. We educate to raise awareness and save lives by partnering with insurance companies, medical professionals, legislators, the legal community, public safety, schools, families and friends, facilitating change in the way addiction is viewed and treated. Making a difference one step and one life at a time.

In short—our main 4 goals are:

CHANGE THE FACE AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH OPIATE ADDICTION
PROVIDE A FORUM(FOR FAMILIES)CONDUSIVE TO EDUCATION/ PEER RECOVERY
PREVENTATIVE—PRESENTATIONS (SCHOOL, PARENT, CIVIC GROUP, PHYSICIAN)
ENHANCE COMMUNITY OPTIONS(TREATMENT, REHAB, RECOVERY COACH, ETC)

FYI stats:

In 2011, there were 12.7 billion prescriptions written for Vicodin—enough to supply every adult in the U.S. with a 30 day supply around the clock. Vicodin is only 1 of 759 opiates on the market. Although the U.S is only 4.6% of the world's population, it's citizens consume 80% of its opiates and 99% of the Vicodin.

Every day in the United States, over 2,000 teens try a prescription medication for the first time—not for medical reasons such as pain, but to get high.

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