

# The Joe Giddens Youth Mission, Inc.

## **“Our Choices Matter”**

### **Partner Program**

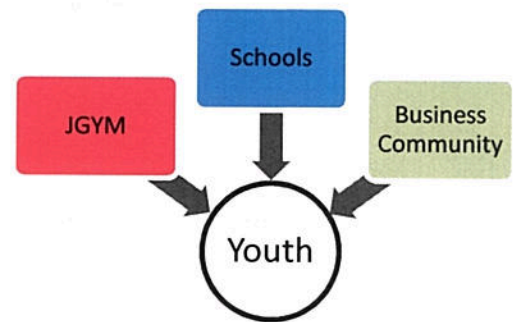
The objective of the Partner Program is to build an alliance with school systems, the business community and our organization to provide the “Our Choices Matter” program to the youth in our communities annually. The OCM program’s blueprint is to develop a panel of four quality motivational speakers with powerful stories about **choices** who will return annually to our schools. Each speaker will speak to a specific grade each year and as the student body is promoted through high school each class receives a different **choice** topic each year. For the 2016-17 school year only seniors and juniors will attend assemblies in order to establish the rotation for the 2017-18 school year.

The partners’ roles are:

**School System** provides facility and audience – the youth.

**Business Community** helps provide funding for the program.

**JGYM** provide panel of speakers, organize the annual assemblies, develop new programs with partners to reach younger youth, and conduct fundraising activities to fund programs.



### **Partnership Levels**

#### **Master Sponsor - \$2,500 or more**

- ✓ Company Name/Logo on event flyers & ads for all OCM events through May 2017
- ✓ Listed as a partner of OCM program on all social media used by JGYM through May 2017
- ✓ Company Name/Logo displayed during Kaolin Festival promoting OCM program.
  - JGYM entry in the Kaolin Parade
  - Promotions for Jaden Maxwell stage performance in association with Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ 8 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17th.

#### **Graduate Sponsor - \$2,000**

- ✓ Company Name/Logo on event flyers & ads for all OCM events through May 2017
- ✓ Listed as a sponsor of OCM program on all social media used by JGYM through May 2017
- ✓ 6 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Fall 2016 - School Assemblies

The OCM Fall 2016 School Assemblies include Washington County High School and Brentwood School in Sandersville, GA; Johnson County High School in Wrightsville, GA; and Jefferson County High School and Thomas Jefferson Academy in Louisville, GA. The assemblies will be Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> featuring the Enduring Regret team of Chris Sandy and Jaden Maxwell.

### Sponsorship Levels

#### **Senior Sponsor - \$1,000**

- ✓ Company Name/Logo on event flyers & ads during "Our Choices Matter" assemblies.
- ✓ Listed as a sponsor of "Our Choices Matter" assemblies on all social media used by JGYM
- ✓ 6 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Junior Sponsor - \$750**

- ✓ Listing of Name in all event flyers & ads during "Our Choices Matter" assemblies.
- ✓ Listed as a sponsor of "Our Choices Matter" assemblies on all social media used by JGYM
- ✓ 4 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Sophomore Sponsor - \$500**

- ✓ Listing of name in all event flyers & ads during "Our Choices Matter" assemblies.
- ✓ 4 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Freshman Sponsor - \$250**

- ✓ Listing of name in all event flyers & ads during "Our Choices Matter" assemblies.
- ✓ 2 invitations to Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please indicate the level of support:

\_\_\_Masters \_\_\_Graduate \_\_\_Senior \_\_\_Junior \_\_\_Sophomore \_\_\_Freshman \_\_\_Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send sponsorship form along with payment payable to: **The Joe Giddens Youth Mission, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1134**  
**Sandersville, GA 31082**



***The  
Joe Giddens  
Youth Mission***

*One hundred years from now,  
It will not matter what kind of car I drove,  
What kind of house I lived in,  
How much was in my bank account,  
Nor what my clothes looked like.*

*But the world may be a little better because  
I was important in the life of a child.*

(excerpt from "Within My Power" by Forest Witcraft)



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**ESTABLISHED 2003**

## **Preamble**

Joe Giddens was a life long resident of Washington County. Being a graduate of WCHS (1962), Joe understood the importance of completing high school. After graduating, Joe was financially unable to attend a college. Instead he became gainfully employed, married and started his family. Joe became very active in the public school system, his community and his church.

Within all levels of the public school system, Joe had a presence. He was PTA President at T.J. Elder Primary on two occasions while his children attended. He was past president of the Washington County Touchdown Club. In 1986, Tarver Averett, then Superintendent of Washington County Schools, said of Joe Giddens, "He recognized, perhaps more than any single person because of his involvement in the public schools, the tremendous importance of business persons knowing the needs of the schools and then acting positively toward meeting those needs". In 1998, he was selected as Chairman of the Washington County Board of Education and continued to serve until his sudden death in October 2002. In fine arts, vocational, and athletic programs, he led the board to commit the resources necessary to support greater student achievement. Joe was a "hands on" board chairman who was involved in all aspects of the school system. Van Dollar, former Superintendent of Schools, said of Joe Giddens, "His memory will be his commitment to children, which was demonstrated not only as Chairman of the Board of Education but in other areas of life as well. Every decision he made was based on what he thought would improve the lives of children."

Joe Giddens commitment to community and church was evident as well. He has been past President of the Chamber of Commerce. He was Past President of the Sandersville Rotary Club and named Rotary's Man of the Year in 1976. He was a current Board Member of the Georgia Alliance for Children and a Past President of the Alliance. He served as Board Member on several business associations.

He was an active member in his church representing it at all levels within the United Methodist structure. He was a Sunday school teacher. He served his church as Chairperson of Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Church and District Lay Leader and Conference Delegate, and Past President of Methodist Men. Acting Washington County School Superintendent, Linda Cowan stated, "Both the school system and the community have lost a true friend. Joe Giddens' contributions to our students will be felt for many years to come."

In October 2002, Joe Giddens was killed in an automobile accident caused by a 19 year old driving under the influence of alcohol. In 2003, Giddens' family and friends established the Joseph L. Giddens Memorial Scholarship in his memory. After the legal proceedings with the accident, the desire to continue Giddens' dedication and personal commitment to help the children of Washington County beyond the scholarship program came into being with the establishment of the Joe Giddens Youth Mission in 2005.

It was in 2005 that the first school assembly was sponsored by this organization in conjunction with a plea arrangement between Giddens' family and the courts that the teenager speak about his choice to drink and drive during a school assembly at Washington County High School and Brentwood School in Sandersville, GA and at Cousins Middle School in Oxford, GA.

# **The Joe Giddens Youth Mission, Inc.**

## **Our Mission Statement**

***OUR MISSION IS TO INFORM YOUTH OF THE IMPACT THEIR CHOICES WILL HAVE ON THEIR LIVES AND THAT OF OTHERS.***

***WE FULFILL OUR MISSION BY:***

- ***PARTNERING WITH SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO HOST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS AIMED AT YOUTH, TEN TO SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE.***
- ***ORGANIZING AND FUNDING COMMUNITY EVENTS ON CHOICES AND DISTRACTED DRIVING.***

***Just Guiding Young Minds***

P O Box 1134  
Sandersville, GA 31082

## Historical Timeline:

- In conjunction with the 2005 school assemblies, JGYM's hosted the first community event "Dinner with an Impact" featuring Dan Moran speaking to those in attendance about choices he made to drive under the influence of alcohol. This event was a fundraising event to support the scholarship program.
- In April, 2008 conducted a 3 day event of school assemblies with Dan Moran & Eric Elsey held at Alcovy High in Covington; Salem High, Rockdale Co. High, Young Americans Christian School, Heritage High in Conyers; and Prince Ave. Christian in Bogart

A community event "Collision – Life is a Collision Course of Choices" was held at and co-sponsored with First Baptist Church of Conyers featuring Dan Moran, Joel Goddard, & Dr. Jeff Meyers



- From 2004 to 2013, awarded \$22,500 in scholarship to WACO graduates. In 2013, the scholarship program was discontinued to focus on supporting programs that worked with "groups" of youth and return to organizing community events and school assemblies about choices. Since 2013, contributed \$7,375 to programs like First Love Kids, and WACO Fine Arts – theatre, dance, & chorus programs.



- In May 2016, JGYM organized a community event in Sandersville, GA with a team of speakers sharing life experiences about choices. The "Enduring Regret" event headline by Chris Sandy included illusionist Jaden Maxwell, McKenzie and Matt Crowe. Christian harmony group of high school students—3 Strands performed prior to the speakers.
- In August 2016, JGYM organized a community event in Conyers, GA. The event titled "Your Choices Matter" was held at First Baptist Church of Conyers featuring McKenzie Crowe, Jaden Maxwell, and Brian Hensley. Also appearing were Chris Sandy, Rockdale County Sheriff Eric Levett, and Pastor Howard Greer. 3 Strands performed ahead of the speakers.
- In October 2016, JGYM is organizing "Our Choices Matter" week hosting school assemblies at Washington County High School and Brentwood School in Sandersville, GA; Johnson County High School in Wrightsville, GA; and Jefferson County High School and Thomas Jefferson Academy in Louisville, GA. The assemblies will feature the Enduring Regret program with speakers Chris Sandy and Jaden Maxwell.

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### Fall 2016 Schedule of Events

- Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – JGYM entry in Kaolin Parade that will include Jaden Maxwell performing street illusions along the parade route.
- Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon – in association with the Chamber of Commerce, Jaden Maxwell will perform a 30 minute illusion show and talk about choices.
- Monday/Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – school assemblies with the Enduring Regret team of Chris Sandy and Jaden Maxwell
  - Monday – 8:15am at Brentwood School
  - Monday – 10:30 am at Washington County High School
  - Monday – 1:30pm at Johnson County High School
  - Tuesday – 8:15am at Jefferson County High School with Thomas Jefferson Academy joint assembly
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm – Jaden Maxwell will perform for the kids at First Love Kids.
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – Appreciation Dinner at The Pringle Building for school administrators and OCM program partners and sponsors. Jaden Maxwell performing more illusions as the entertainment.
- Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – “Our Choices Matter” Benefit – *“A night of harmony and illusion”* with proceeds to JGYM. This is an entertainment event with 3 Strands and Mike Rogers providing the harmony and Jaden Maxwell providing his full Illusion performance.

# *“Our Choices Matter”*

## *Appreciation Dinner*

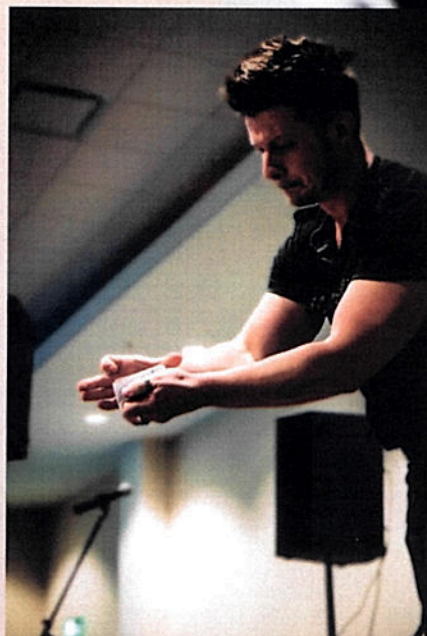
**The Joe Giddens Youth Mission**

**invites you to join us for dinner  
and be entertained by illusionist Jaden Maxwell.**

**Location: The Pringle Building  
Sandersville, GA**

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**

**RSVP by October 12th:  
478-553-9400  
gqgifts@att.net**





# The Joe Giddens Youth Mission

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## Our Choices Matter Benefit

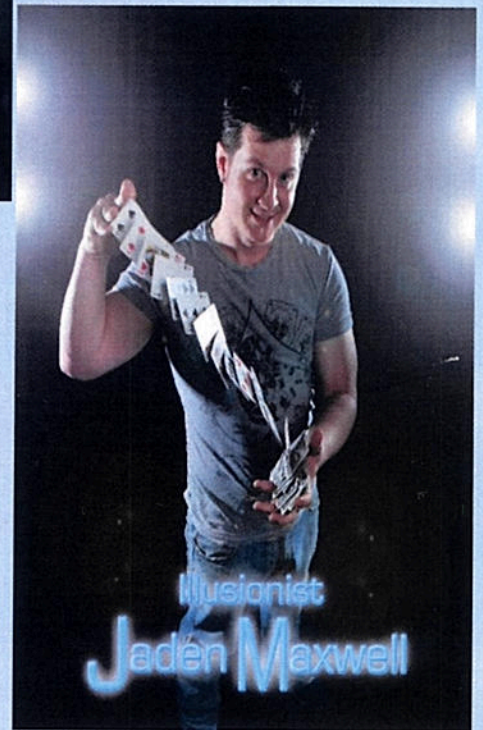


**3 Strands**

Featuring performances by:



**Mike Rogers**



**WACO High School Theater**  
Sandersville, GA

Date: Tuesday October 18, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30PM)

General Admission  
Tickets: \$25 / person

Purchase Tickets Online: <https://ourchoicesmatter.eventbrite.com>

or at

Geo.'s Quarters @ The Pringle Building and Howard Sheppard, Inc.



Facebook.com/joegiddensyouthmission

For Information call: 478-553-9400