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Very few people I know would take a child's prescription to their druggist and say, "Hey doc! I don't know what this medicine is, but it is too costly. To save money, make it half-strength. After all, children only need half-a-dose!"

Similarly, all across this great country of ours there are youngsters who are only getting half-a-dose of what they need to develop into healthy, responsible American citizens. They are neither receiving nor assimilating knowledge of the core values that every human being requires to live life fully and successfully.

Is it any wonder, then, that school shootings have become so frequent throughout our country? Gang-related crimes, sexual offenses, and acts of mindless violence among youth are now at an all-time high! Where will it all end?

After 91 years of life I thought I'd seen it all. During WWII, I crash-landed a bullet riddled Navy Hellcat into the Pacific. The plane flipped upside down and began sinking. I barely escaped!* I've put my life on the line for the American way of life. I've worked as an attorney and judge defending the American way of life. I am not about to sit back and let the country that I love so dearly continue to erode right before my eyes.

That's why I endorse The Camp*aign for American Kids, founded by Rev. Jon Sherry. The Camp*aign works to raise national awareness and funds for our country's extensive network of Joint Outdoor-Ecumenical Youth Programs (**Joey**s). **Joey**s accept children as young as seven, while their hearts and minds are still pliable, and gently infuse them with key, life-saving values, such as, fairness, honesty, integrity, teamwork and Faith.

The Camp*aign for American Kids works with **Joey** affiliates in all fifty states, representing over twenty-five separate faith traditions. There are tens of thousands of children around the country who *want* to attend a **Joey** but, due to financial hardship, are unable. To develop properly, children must have a full dose of 'preparation for life.'

When it comes to the health and safety of our children, half-a-dose just won't do! If we really want to help cure for the maladies plaguing American youth, and American society, we must do the right thing. Please support The Camp*aign for American Kids.

* For more information about the thrilling life and accomplishments of Judge Maness, or to order his books, please contact **Rev. Jon Sherry**, HQ@ForAmericanKids.org. For addition information on The Camp*aign for American Kids please visit www.ForAmericanKids.org or call 804-266-7130.