After marijuana and alcohol, prescription drugs are the most commonly abused substances by Americans age 14 and older. Every day in the U.S., an average of 2,000 teenagers use prescription drugs without a doctor’s guidance for the first time. The most commonly abused prescription drugs are opioids (for pain), depressants (for anxiety) and stimulants (for ADHD).

Because young people between the ages of 18-24 are already at a heightened risk of addiction, these patterns in use can lead to the use of other drugs including heroin. Heroin overdoses in Wisconsin accounted for 227 deaths in 2013. In Waukesha County alone there were 190 reported deaths from drug overdoses from 2012-2015. Even more disturbing, is that reportedly 1 in 5 high school seniors know how to get heroin easily.

Everyday decisions made by young adults surrounding the choice as to whether to use drugs or not can have fatal consequences and can lead to broken lives and shattered futures.

What are YOU willing to do to help stop this devastating epidemic?

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