



## ***Men Hear Our Words Too*** ***blog #16***

He reached out to me on LinkedIn and shared a story that I had heard before. But this time it was different.

The message resonated from a young man now an accomplished professional who was the recipient of my message to young people over 20 years ago as if he was still in the high school workshop with me. I was amazed at his excitement about finding me to tell this story of impact. I truly felt like a proud “mom.”

I did not realize that he was over the years one of my biggest cheerleaders. The message the resonated at the time was to a high school senior who did not know what his plans after graduation would be. I simply shared that acquiring knowledge not only opened my mind, but doors for me... and that it was my hope that the students in the room never give up. He chose not to give up and today is a successful Executive with a long list of credentials.

***“When you speak from the heart, you never know how deep you touch another.”***  
***Gail Birks***