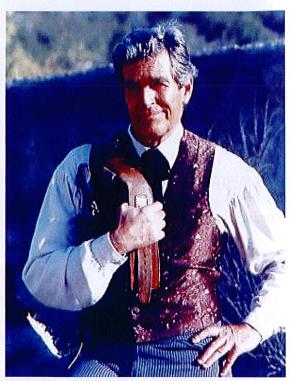


The Freedom To Choose, by Hugh O'Brian

Unfortunately, a very small number of our young people seem to attract the most news. They are in the public eye because they have stolen cars, vandalized schools, created disturbances - in some way rebelled against society. It is a fact that 98.7% of our young people are law-abiding constructive citizens. There is too much focus on the negative. It is time we accent the positive - pat the good guys and gals on the back- let them know there are rewards for being responsible members of the community.

I do NOT believe we are all born equal. Physical and emotional differences, parental guidance, varying environments, being in the right place at the right time, all play a role in enhancing or limiting an individual's development. But I DO believe every man and woman, if given the opportunity and encouragement to recognize their potential, regardless of background, has the <u>freedom to choose</u> in our world. Will an individual be a taker or a giver in life? Be satisfied merely to exist or seek a



meaningful purpose? Will he or she dare to dream the impossible dream?

I believe every person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny with great power for a specific purpose: to share with others, through service, a reverence for life in a spirit of love.

HOBY Facts & Figures



Our Mission:

To inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation

We carry out our mission by:

Providing interactive opportunities for critical thinking.

Developing leadership knowledge and competence.

Encouraging social responsibility among the individuals and corporations.

We challenge our Ambassadors to:

Think for themselves and to become critical thinkers.

Examine their personal leadership, practice group leadership and pledge leadership in society.

Enhance their leadership skills through active involvement in the community.

Results from a survey of HOBY alumni and volunteers:

99% believed they could make a difference in their communities.

99.7% felt that volunteering with HOBY was a positive experience.

99% stated they would recommend HOBY to a friend.

98% reported that as a result of HOBY, they know what steps to take to be a better leader.



Historical figures:

425,000 HOBY participants since 1958
Nearly 10,000 students instructed annually
4,000 volunteers at the local and national level
Over 70 leadership seminars each year
20+ countries represented at WLC annually
70+ countries represented at WLC since 1976

