



Documentary Reveals The Devastating Effects Of Bullying
Our Silence Is Complicity: Today's Students Suffer Behind Closed Doors

“Fat, a joke, a low life”—these and other taunts are tossed out, at times simply for fun, to get a laugh, or to garner a brief moment of fame for others. “They do it behind your back and not to your face,” confesses one student in *Our Silence Is Complicity*, a documentary directed by bullying prevention expert and author Gabriella van Rij [pronounced “Ray”].

In another scene, we see a seven-year-old boy making a noose with the help of his Smartphone. These and other striking images put a face on the effects of bullying when unchecked. Faced with a daily hell in the form of verbal abuse and cyber torment, some students have chosen suicide as a means of escape. Others turn to cutting and other personally harmful behavior.

Through interviews with students and parents, Gabriella provides a startling glimpse of the emotional and mental minefield that students are tasked with surviving, all of which is magnified by our increasingly social media-driven world, where hurtful words can be spread a thousand fold. “Nobody strikes another coming from a positive place” says Gabriella. “Students have the ball of Human Kindness in their hands. They can be the difference. They just need a nudge from us.

Sample interview questions:

1. What do you hope this documentary accomplishes?
2. What is the most startling thing you have discovered as you interviewed these students?
3. What advice do you have for parents of students that are victims of bullying?
4. What advice do you have for students with bullying tendencies?
5. Tell us about your four-step program.
6. We hear you have a new book out. Where can viewers find out more about you, your book, and your documentary?

ABOUT GABRIELLA VAN RIJ: The leading voice of the Kindness movement, Gabriella works to spread the message that we are all unique and we each have something to offer the person next to us. She has a non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation in the US and is based in Los Angeles, California.

Media contact: Bobbie Folsom: +1.563.424.0392 Email: folsom.bobbie@gmail.com <http://gabriella.global/>

Gabriella's Foundation 2222 E 53rd street Suite 8, Davenport IA 52807