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Dear Friends:

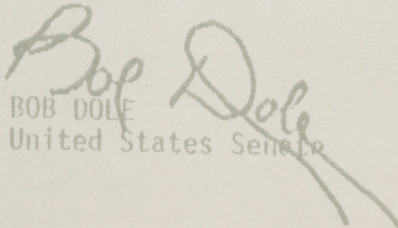
As honorary Chairman for Compeer, it is my privilege to acknowledge the outstanding success of the Sedgwick County Compeer Program. Most importantly, I extend my sincere congratulations to each of you, as Compeer Volunteers. You are special friends who have given generously of your time and energy, making the success of Compeer possible.

The concept of people helping people is something I grew up with in Russell, Kansas. In my home town you didn't need to ask for help, people were just there, willing to give. We cared for each other, and still do. That caring has made each of us a better person.

Compeer is applying that same concept to working with persons who genuinely need our help. Many individuals recovering from mental illness are alone, wrapped in a world where they find it hard to trust anyone. That is why a Compeer volunteer is so very important. Now there is someone to relate to, someone hopefully they can learn to trust. Ofcourse, traditional forms of therapy are important and should be continued, but the added ingredient of having a special friend is crucial to the whole recovery process.

Again, I commend each of you for your accomplishments and wish you well in your future efforts in support of those who have experienced mental illness.

Sincerely,

  
BOB DOLE  
United States Senator