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**The Sheriff and Youth Live in Camp** is a five day camping experience led by our NFJC Program staff and the Deputies from the Erie County Sheriff's Department. This program is free to all participants, and campers are a diverse group of 14-16 year olds that have been identified as potential leaders in their schools or communities. Participants come from rural, suburban, and urban areas of WNY. The goal is to have a great experience at camp while building positive relationships between the teens and law enforcement officials.



Making new friends and getting to know one another

**The Youth Leadership Conferences'** main objective is to contribute to the leadership development of middle school and high school students. These day long events focus on diversity and bullying issues in WNY and provide the knowledge and skills necessary to develop responsible and inclusive leaders.

**Community Builders** is a group of young leaders who meet monthly to explore diversity/inclusion issues, and work together to plan and implement service projects as a unified team of committed citizens. Made up of graduates from our other youth programs, this group promotes cross-cultural cooperation and practices inclusive leadership.



Youth Leaders engaging in discussion

**The "commUnity build: Institute for Inclusion"** is a weekend diversity retreat program for middle and high school students hosted by St. Bonaventure University. Participants in this program focus on improving their community by examining personal, family, and community stereotypes and prejudices. The students also engage in discussions about the impact that stereotypes and prejudices have on others. The goal of this retreat is to help foster change agents that work toward building inclusive communities in their schools and neighborhoods.

**MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE**

Yes, I want to help the NFJC in its community work!



Thank you for your support!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Corporate Membership:**

Gold \$1,500  Silver \$1,000  Bronze \$500

**Individual/Family:**

President's Circle \$1,000-\$9,999

Partner in Inclusion \$500-\$999

Sustaining Member \$250-\$499

Family / Constituent \$100-\$249

Personal Level \$75-\$99

Youth Level \$10-\$50





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**First Time/Last Time** is a time tested alternative to incarceration program in Erie County. It is designed to assist youth between the ages of 16-21 who become involved with the criminal justice system for the first time. **First Time/Last Time** provides direct counseling, guidance, and appropriate referrals to its participants to help prevent future involvement in the criminal justice system. The goal of this program is to serve as a conduit for youth to achieve their maximum potential.

At a glance :The cost to incarcerate an individual is approximately \$156 a day; \$57,000 a year to incarcerate one individual. Clients directly served translates to a taxpayers savings of MILLIONS of dollars.

A time tested program with less than 10% of it's clients becoming re-involved with the criminal justice system. A proven LONG TERM savings to our youth and to our community!



**Adult Diversity and Awareness Workshops** The NFJC offers needs-based diversity and training workshops for corporations, schools and businesses. These are designed to respond to the rich diversity in our world today. To schedule a training workshop contact: [www.nfjcwny.org](http://www.nfjcwny.org) 853-9596



The NFJC offers **Interfaith** and **Multicultural Programs** throughout WNY. Annual activities hosted by the NFJC include our Thanksgiving celebration in collaboration with the Network of Religious Communities. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations are presented in conjunction with the Niagara Falls City School District, the City of Buffalo, and the University at Buffalo.



Look for the new and exciting **Dash for Diversity 2014** in September! This event includes a 3 person Dash, a Kids Race, and a Walk! Register your team for this afternoon filled with family fun, food, and so much more!

**SAVE THE DATE!**



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