

February 25, 2019

Dear Educator,

The NFJC of WNY, Inc. is pleased to announce the offering of its Middle School youth leadership retreat program, the Community Build: Institute for Inclusion. This is a weekend long residential program, fully staffed by NFJC facilitators, that provides 7th & 8th grade leaders & emerging leaders the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of Diversity Issues, Bullying Issues, and Social Cliques. Participants will reflect the diversity found within the WNY Region, and they will bring back to their schools a strengthened commitment to improving their communities.

The Institute will be offered from March 29, 2019 – March 31, 2019, on the St. Bonaventure University Campus, St. Bonaventure, NY (approximately an hour and a half drive from Buffalo). There is **no cost** for delegates to attend Community, and we will provide bus transportation to and from the Institute. Students will depart from the Jewish Community Center on Delaware Ave in Buffalo at **4:00 pm**, Friday, March 29th, and return there by **6:00 pm** on Sunday, March 31st.

You will find enclosed a copy of the Community Build forms that must be completed by all applicants; please have your students complete the entire form (front and back) prior to submission. All forms may be reproduced and are also available for download, and we request that you recommend no more than 6 students to attend. Unless yours is an all boy/all girl school, we ask that you nominate at least 2 of each gender. **Please note:** because space is limited, we can't take all who apply to the Institute; we usually accept between 1 and 4 students from each school.

Those applicants chosen to attend Community Build will be notified of their acceptance via a formal acceptance letter, which will include more specific information about departure and arrival times and what they will need to bring with them on the retreat. Space is limited, however, so please get us your applications as quickly as possible.

The application deadline for is **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**, and these can either be mailed in or faxed to us (852-0046). If you have any questions regarding Community Build, please either call the NFJC Office at 853-9596, or visit www.nfjcwny.org.

Sincerely,



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NFJC Program Director