

Community Impact Report

Report for 2022



NFJC in the news and on the air

The NFJC continues to be the "go to" agency on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. We appeared in news articles locally, nationally and internationally and have been featured on local TV networks and radio stations. This has significantly increased our impact on areas well outside WNY. NFJC President, Rene Petties-Jones, also extended our reach as the newly elected Chair of the National NFJC Board of Directors and appeared in Buffalo Business First Power 200 Women and the inaugural list of Top 100 Leaders of Color.



Collaborations and Adult Programs

Our Annual programs such as our **Multi-Faith Thanksgiving** program, our **MLK Collaborations** and our webinar events have brought together many from our community and beyond. New this year was our collaboration with the **Faith and Blue Initiative**, and the creation of the new **Social Justice Innovation Camp**. Our successful **DEI programs** continue to empower professionals and have widened our reach with a multitude of new clients in 2022.



Looking Forward

The NFJC National Conference will be held in Buffalo, NY September 5th - 8th. Look for more details to come.



We Connected with our Community

We celebrated our 69th **Community Hero Awards** and extended our outreach by having this program televised twice on a local network while highlighting the amazing work of our heroes. **Racial Healing Circles** continue to provide safe spaces for participants to share their stories.



New in 2022...

Our NFJC **Eat & Meet** events proved to be a great connector. We hosted seven sessions over five months at diverse locations; including school campuses, community centers, and an ice cream parlor! We have traveled in every direction from Buffalo to Batavia! Our newly created **Youth Advisory Council** provides teens from all across WNY an opportunity to create programs that serve the entire Community and help give a voice to the next generation. We were invited to compete in **United Way's Pitch 10** event and were selected by a **Billy Eilish charity** to set up an information table at her Buffalo Concert which drew thousands.



Youth Programs

Our **Diggin' into Diversity** program has created a new opportunity for us to expand our reach into K-4 classrooms. **Leadership Workshops** for high school students allow us to address relevant topics impacting our youth such as race relations, social media, and its impact, as well as other current events.