

*Present at the Beginning:
Celebrating Three Women and Three Faiths*



7th Annual Children of Abraham
Youth Leadership Grants Award Ceremony

SARAH ASHIQUEALI

Sarah will work in Pakistan to educate expecting women and new mothers on basic health care and the care of infants.

“These great women have become renowned role models. They have come to represent the ideal that if there is a will, there is most certainly a way. Their sympathy, kindness, and concern for others have produced the religious ideology which we worship today.”

NIKE AWOTUNDE

Nike's project will benefit the Oyan Grammar School in Western Nigeria with the donation of needed supplies to a science laboratory.

“Yocheved, Mary, and Khadija inspire me because if they could commit to so much service even when their lives were in danger, why can't I? This is why I want to help and encourage those in my generation who are in need.”

LANRE FADERIN

Lanre's project will raise awareness about hunger and malnutrition in my community by constructing a fruit and vegetable stand in the three Food Bank Gardens in Howard County, MD.

“Yocheved, Mary, and Khadija were women of faith, courage and most of all compassion. Each an emblem of compassion to their religion, they interceded rich and incomparable values into the foundations of the Abrahamic Faiths.”

OGECHI NWODIM

Ogechi will host an inter-school volleyball tournament. The proceeds will benefit the work of Women for Women International in Nigeria.

“Yocheved exemplified determination, Khadija exemplified a humble sense of self-confidence, and Mother Mary exemplified bravery that surpassed the courage of many individuals today. These women have changed the perspective of spirituality for millions of individuals throughout the world.”

RACHEL SOLOMON

Rachel will work with the existing group, Social Action for Everyone (SAFE), to host clothing drives and regular volunteers at Interfaith Work's clothing center in Montgomery County.

“Compassion among teenagers is vital as we will soon become the leaders of society and it will be up to us to solve problems such as poverty. To be compassionate, one must first acknowledge another's suffering.”



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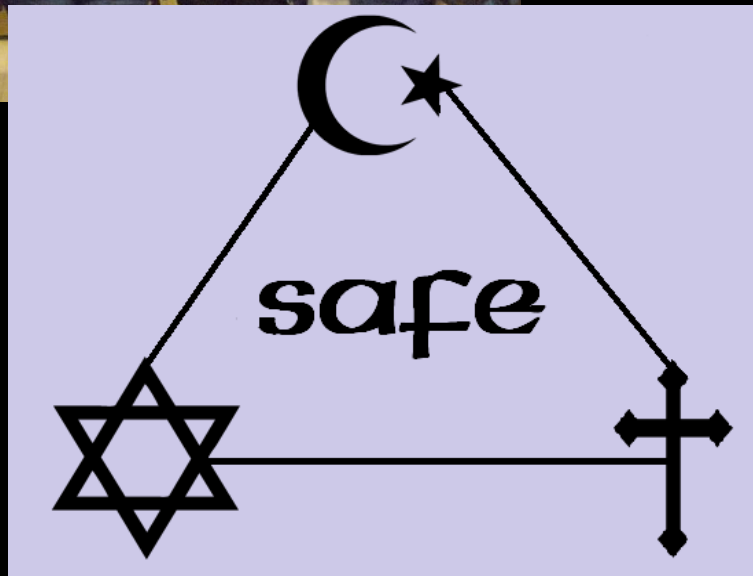
THE UNITING OF STRANGERS THROUGH THE ENJOYMENT OF SOCCER



OSILIGI FOUNDATION, NAROK, KENYA



SOCIAL ACTION FOR EVERYONE (SAFE), METRO WASHINGTON, DC



Old Bikes can Change Lives

What: Come to help pack and collect bicycles for shipments to underdeveloped areas. Learn how old, unused bikes can improve the conditions of so many families around the world. The program is organized by Social Action for Everyone (SAFE), an interfaith organization dedicated to and for high school students to promote action.

Who: All teenagers & activism.

When: Sunday, Sept
Where: King Farm Hor
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Peaceful connections



Making Butterflies, Making Peace

What: Come create felt butterflies to hang up at local non-profit organizations. Other activities will include discussing peace in global conflicts and viewing an interfaith art exhibit. The program is organized by *Social Action for Everyone (SAFE)*, a teen social action group designed by and for high school students to promote interreligious understanding, with the collaboration of a Jewish-Muslim interfaith artist organization, *JAMnART*.

Who: All teenagers who want to participate in interfaith dialogue and social activism.

When: Sunday, March 4th, 1-3pm

Where: The Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington
6125 Montrose Rd.
Rockville, MD 20852



Interested? Email safe.interfaith@gmail.com

SCHOOLS FOR SUDAN, LEER SUDAN



Start Something That Matters

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3G621cw770>

Schools for Sudan

Schools For Sudan, is an initiative started last year by World Cultures Latin America/Africa students at Hudson High.

During the 2010-11 school year students raised over \$10,000 to support the building of a secondary school in Leer, Sudan.





We have lockers, they have mud walls.



BROTHERS IN HOPE

THE STORY OF THE LOST BOYS OF SUDAN

BY MARY WILLIAMS

ILLUSTRATED BY R. GREGORY CHRISTIE

Students did presentations in 4th and 5th grade classes throughout the district to share what they had learned about Sudan and inspire others to take action.

This year **Schools For Sudan** inspired students to document their lives through words and photography.

World Cultures students responded to writing prompts related to **15 Words**

(A project inspired by *EPHAS, Every Person Has a Story*, a non-profit that...: shares stories and connects people around the world through the power of photography.” ephas.org).



Our Lives in 15 Words

BEAUTY

COMPASSION

EDUCATION

FAMILY

FEAR

FRUSTRATION

FUNNY

HOME

HOPE

INNOCENCE

JOY

LOSS

NOURISHMENT

PAIN

WASTE

COMPASSION

*“A bit of fragrance always clings
to the hand that gives roses”*

-Chinese Proverb

*Write about a time when you were
compassionate. What led you to act the
way you did? What if anything did you
gain from the experience?*

Rachel McGrath, senior



Compassion, what does that word mean to me? I can't think of a time where I have ever even said the word compassion; it has to mean more than just being nice, and it has to be more than just being a good person.

There has to be something that makes compassion, different.

Sure, I have done plenty of “nice” things for others, but I can't think of a time when I have truly been compassionate. I don't know what compassion means. Seventeen years of life and I can't even define a silly word, nor can I think of a time when it was a part of my life.

Derek Scafidi, junior

FRUSTRATION

What frustrates you most in life?
When you get frustrated, how do
you respond?



“Here are my two cats, George and Lola,
frustrated they can’t get the squirrel.”
Kathryn Volk, senior



“I hate waiting in
lines when I’m in a
hurry.”
*Rachel McGrath,
senior*

I get frustrated with a lot of things in my life, but that is part of living life. People get frustrated with many different things, but for me it would have to be school that I get the most frustrated with.

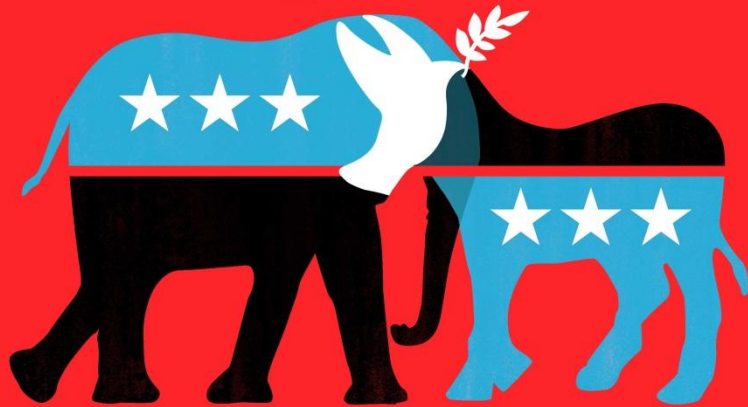
My whole life I just wanted to be successful, to do what I needed, to be good at school. You need good grades to get into a good college to have a good job; which is what I would like for my future.

The reason why school makes me the most frustrated is because of the pressure to do well. **When I fail in school it's like I'm not good enough** and that gets me frustrated.

Felipe Tavares, senior

INVISIBLE CHILDREN

KONY



2012

ONE THING WE CAN
ALL AGREE ON

March 5, 2012

“Ms. Murray what
are we going to
do? We have to do
something.”

Goals:

As students, we believe that all children deserve a safe childhood and the right to an education. In our campaign, **Be Visible 2012**, we will raise awareness and encourage action regarding the injustices that children are currently facing in Central/East Africa.

We plan to visit all the schools in our district and promote community participation.

That participation could be...

Purchasing a Be Visible bracelet (proceeds will go to Schools for Sudan)

E-mailing a government official,

Attending our **Be Visible Concert in the Park**.

To help get you started, here is an outline of what you could say to one of our local politicians:

Hello, my name is _____.

I want to encourage you to continue to support the deployment of US Military Advisors to Central Africa.

I believe that bringing Joseph Kony to justice is an international obligation. US intervention is essential so that 26 years of tyranny will finally come to an end.

In addition, it is time for the US Senate to ratify the convention on the Rights of the Child, as only Somalia and our country have failed to do so.

Thank you.



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CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANTS



The Fund for the Future of Our Children
in collaboration with
the Office of Campus Ministry
Georgetown University