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Fund for the Future of Our Children
welcomes you to the

Fifth Annual
Children of Abraham Peace Essay Contest

“Compassion in Action”



Kick-Off

Sunday, November 8, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Riggs Library, Healy Hall
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

In collaboration with:

**Georgetown University's
Office of Campus Ministry**

and

**Prince Alwaleed bin Talal
Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding**

Agenda

1:00 — Registration

1:20 — Opening and introductions

Father Kevin O'Brien, S.J., Executive Director, Office of Campus Ministry,
Georgetown University
Avideh Shashaani, Ph.D., President, Fund for the Future of Our Children
Facilitator: **June Murray-Crawford**, Hudson High School,
Hudson, Mass.

1:30 — Reflections by 2008-2009 winning essayists

“Compassion and Christianity,” **Diana Jeang**, Montgomery Blair HS
“Compassion and Islam,” **Muaz Sa’ad Rahman**, West Springfield HS
“Compassion and Judaism,” **Ezra Wexler**, Montgomery Blair HS

2:00 — Report from 2007-2009 Youth Leadership Micro-grant winners

Andrew Franklin, Glenelg Country School, *Baltimore Station Project*
Laila Handoo, Glenelg Country School, *H.E.L.P. Foundation*
Devika Jaipuria, Glenelg Country School, *Earth Girl*
Diana Jeang, Montgomery Blair HS, *Green Trading*

2:15 — Pizza and soda break

2:45 — “Compassionate Leadership”

Kenneth McNeil, Partner, Susman Godfrey LLP
“Compassion in Action”
Felix Unogwu, Children and Youth Specialist, Search for
Common Ground
Wendy Schaetzel Lesko, Executive Director, Youth Action Project

3:10 — Small group discussions

Discussion Leaders:
Diana Chambers, President, The Chambers Group LLC
Michael J. Goggin, National Director, St. Vincent Pallotti Center
for Apostolic Development
Wendy Schaetzel Lesko Executive Director, Youth Action Project

3:40 — Small group summaries and Q&A

4:00 — Closing Prayer and distribution of mini-grants

Michael J. Goggin, National Director, St. Vincent Pallotti Center
for Apostolic Development

2009-2010 Essay Question

Part I: What do the Abrahamic traditions — Judaism, Christianity, and Islam teach us about compassion? How did their founders — Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad — serve as exemplars of compassion?

PART II: Propose a practical teen-based project that embodies the principles of compassion. Show how the teachings you described in part I inspired the project. (*A project could be advocacy, education, or material or moral support to those in need of society’s help. Make clear whether the focus is on individuals or whole populations, and how these would be identified or selected.*)

About the 2009-2010 Contest

Information for the 5th Annual Children of Abraham Peace Essay Contest can be found at www.futureofchildren.net. Please be sure to review all information carefully, including:

- Contest rules and regulations
- Essay requirements
- Online mentors
- Online resources
- Judges and judging criteria
- Prizes and awards
- Youth Leadership Micro-grants

The deadline for essay submissions is **January 18, 2010**.

Questions? Contact FFC at 202-364-2606 or ffc@futureofchildren.net.