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The National Liberty Museum Hosts Young Heroes Outreach Program (YHOP) End-of-Year Celebration at the Girard College Armory

Parents, Teachers, Families, Faculty Advisors, Principals and Sponsors join The National Liberty Museum in Celebrating the Achievements of Hundreds of Elementary and Middle School Students in Grades 4-8 from 13 Philadelphia-Area Schools, Working to Make Positive Social Change in their Schools and Communities

What: The National Liberty Museum is **hosting the** year-end celebration of its **Young Heroes Outreach Program (YHOP)**, a year-long, innovative, educational initiative for **fourth through eighth grades** at the Girard College Armory. Today in partnership with 13 public schools throughout the Philadelphia area, this program empowers students in the areas of leadership, civic engagement and social justice and acts on the principle that liberty is a right that everyone person and community should have. On **Saturday, June 4th, 2016**, sponsors along with families and educators will join the National Liberty Museum at the Girard College Armory as they celebrate the accomplishments of the Young Heroes Club members who have successfully completed the program over the past year. Hundreds of students from the participating schools will be honored for tackling issues through the curriculum including: racism, public school funding, littering, bullying, school beautification, respect, sexual education, animal cruelty, school culture, and more.

Who: -Young Heroes Club members in grades 4-8 from the following schools:

- Lewis C. Cassidy Academic Public School
- Feltonville Intermediate School
- Joseph J. Greenberg Elementary School
- Tanner G. Duckrey School
- Alain Locke Elementary School
- Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School
- William Rowen Elementary School
- Solis-Cohen Elementary School
- St. Christopher Catholic School
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic School
- Stephen Decatur Elementary School
- AMY at James Martin School
- Olney Elementary School

-Alan Holmes, NLM YHOP Coordinator

-Kwanzaa Thompson and Sarah McCafferty, Outreach Educators

-Sponsors of the program (see invitation)

-Parents, teachers, principals, faculty advisors

-Mason Wartman, founder and owner of Rosa's Pizza

When: **Saturday June 4, 2016**

- 11:00am – 12:45pm – Students will be tabling throughout the armory while sponsors, principals, and guests engage students on their projects and participate in activities. There will be recorded interviews at each table and photo opportunities with each school and their sponsor.
- 12:45pm – 1:30pm – There will be remarks from educators, sponsors and a keynote address from guest speaker, Mason Wartman. Legacy Awards will be given to the three schools who have participated in YHOP for five years.

Where: Girard College Armory | 2101 S. College Ave. | Philadelphia, PA 19102 (The Armory)

Why: The National Liberty Museum is the only museum in the country dedicated to advancing liberty though fostering strong character and civic engagement. The National Liberty Museum's Young



Heroes Outreach Program (YHOP) empowers students in the areas of leadership, civic engagement, and social justice through critical thinking, inquiry, and project-based learning. Acting on the principal that liberty is a right that every person should have, YHOP prepares youth to identify gaps in liberty and supports them in making social change in their school or community. After the students complete the original ten-lesson classroom-based curriculum, they will establish a Young Heroes Club to plan and execute a Community Action Project, which will foster long-lasting change in their school or community. This year-end event is a celebration of the hard work of these incredible students who are creating the change they want to see in the world

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