



Attention New Jersey and Pennsylvania School Officials:

Kidsbridge and Source4Teachers are partnering to introduce a new contest, EDUCATOR CHARACTER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS -- 2015. This is an opportunity for you to recognize an educator in your New Jersey or Pennsylvania school or school district for outstanding character education/ bullying prevention leadership.

Please distribute this information to all teachers, counselors, and principals. We hope you'll take the time to nominate adults whose actions have made a difference to improve your school's caring climate in bullying prevention and/or character education. **Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2015.**

"A positive school culture and climate is the basis for sustainable learning and preparing for the tasks and tests of life. Conversely, in a toxic school culture and climate, learning by all will not take place effectively and what is learned may be sustainably negative and harmful. When a school is a positive place to be, people are happy to be there and do their best." (NJ Culture and Climate Coalition, Jan. 2014)

Kidsbridge will convene a group of community judges made up of educators and business people. Winners and their schools will be notified in May. Winners and nominators will be our honored guests at the **2015 WALK2STOPBULLYING** to be held on **Saturday, June 13, from 9am to noon** on the Educational Testing Service corporate campus in Princeton, NJ.

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| 1st Place Winner \$300 gift card WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt | |
| 2nd Place Winner \$200 gift card WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt | 3rd Place Winner \$100 gift card WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt |

ABOUT Kidsbridge

Kidsbridge is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing imaginative hands-on programs focusing on: bullying prevention, tolerance, diversity appreciation and respect for all people. Since 1996, Kidsbridge has sought to fill the large voids that exist in the learning of life skills, character education and diversity appreciation with knowledge, aspiration and empowerment. The jewel in the Kidsbridge program crown is the Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum. Located in the Ewing Senior & Community Center in Ewing, NJ, it is the **only** youth-dedicated tolerance museum in the United States. More than 2,200 students and 200 educators visit the Museum each year.

Kidsbridge also offers weekly Life Skills Programs, sponsors UPstander/bullying prevention competitions for youth, acknowledges educators for their character education leadership, regales business leaders in the community for their humanitarianism, hosts an annual Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., and presents an annual Walk2Stop Bullying. Hundreds of children, teens, youth and adults participate in these other Kidsbridge programs.

ABOUT Source4Teachers

Established in 2000, Source4Teachers is a leading provider of educational staffing solutions. The company recruits, hires, trains and manages qualified substitute teachers, substitute paraprofessionals and educational support staff in PA, NJ, CT and VA. Each day the company fills more than 6,000 daily and long-term substitute teacher vacancies for more than 160 clients representing more than 2,000 schools with more than one million total students. For more information call (877) 983-2244 or visit Source4Teachers.com.

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