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MORE THAN 50 TEENS EXPECTED TO COMMEMORATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY THROUGH SERVICE

J-Teen Leadership to bring together local interfaith youth organizations to sort medical supplies at Afya Foundation in Yonkers

J-Teen Leadership will bring together interfaith youth organizations from Westchester and beyond for its annual morning of service in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Monday, January 19, 2015. More than 50 teens are expected to participate in a project where they will sort medical supplies at the Afya Foundation in Yonkers, New York.

Afya supports ongoing health initiatives in developing countries by supplying critically needed surplus medical supplies, hospital equipment and humanitarian provisions. Supplies and equipment are collected from the healthcare, corporate and private communities and sent to partner organizations on the ground.

The teens will come from **Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester in Rye, the Rosenthal JCC of Northern Westchester in Pleasantville, Westchester Youth Alliance and Peacebuilders of the Kings Bay YM-YWHA in Brooklyn** are expected to attend this event. According to Abbe Marcus, Executive Director of J-Teen Leadership, "Our teen leaders are committed to coming together with others from all backgrounds in order to connect, break down barriers and ultimately see their commonalities as they share in the work of helping those in need."

This year's service includes packing and sorting medical supplies for clinics in West Africa in desperate need of provisions to aid with the worsening Ebola crisis. Danielle Butin, executive director of Afya, has worked with J-Teen Leadership for years and characterizes its members as emerging leaders who have demonstrated their readiness to help in times of disaster. "They collect, act, show up in ways never seen before in a teen-age group," she says.

J-Teen Leadership is dedicated to empowering and inspiring Jewish teens from all backgrounds with leadership training, core Jewish values and community service, so they can start contributing to the Jewish community and the world today.

WHAT: J-Teen Leadership Annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Afya Foundation

WHEN: Monday, January 19, 2015

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

WHERE: Afya Foundation, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, NY

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Afya CO-CHAIRS: Aaron Hersch and Eliza Marcus

Local partners for this event include: Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, Rosenthal JCC, Westchester Youth Alliance, Peacebuilders of Kings Bay Y