



Attention New Jersey School Officials:

Kidsbridge and Source4Teachers are partnering to announce the Second Annual EDUCATOR LEADERSHIP IN CHARACTER EDUCATION AWARDS — 2016. This is an opportunity to recognize an educator in your New Jersey 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: May 6, 2016.**

*"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 **2016 WALK2STOPBULLYING** to be held on **Saturday, June 18, from 9am to noon** on the Educational Testing Service corporate campus in Princeton, NJ.

<p><i>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner</i> \$300 gift card <b>WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt</b></p>	
<p><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner</i> \$200 gift card <b>WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt</b></p>	<p><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner</i> \$100 gift card <b>WALK2STOPBULLYING T-shirt</b></p>

**ABOUT Kidsbridge**

Kidsbridge is a nonprofit organization and hosts the only youth-focused tolerance center in the U.S. We offer developmentally appropriate programs for preschool/Kindergarten, elementary and middle school. Empathy, empowerment, social-emotional skills and diversity education programs are offered either at the Center or mobile to your school/camp. Youth participate in 'evidence-based' small group discussions/interactive activities led by trained facilitators. Topics include: bias & stereotype awareness; bullying/teasing prevention; creation of a support team; disability & LGBT issues; diversity appreciation & respect; empathy, UPstander behavior & empowerment; genocide & the Holocaust; and media literacy. Located in the Ewing Senior & Community Center in Ewing, NJ, more than 2200 students and 200 educators visit the Center each year.

Kidsbridge also offers weekly Life Skills Programs, sponsors a statewide creative character education-themed competition for youth, a statewide genocide/Holocaust-themed competition 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 and adults participate in these other Kidsbridge programs.

**ABOUT Source4Teachers**

Established in 2000, Source4Teachers is a leading provider of educational managed solutions. The company recruits, hires, trains, places, and manages qualified substitute teachers, substitute paraprofessionals, and educational support staff throughout the U.S. Each day, the company fills more than 6,500 school vacancies for more than 250 clients serving one million students. For more information, call (877) 983-2244 or visit Source4Teachers.com.