



Attention New Jersey School Officials:

Kidsbridge and ESS | Source4Teachers are partnering to announce the Third Annual CHARACTER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS — 2017. This is an opportunity to recognize an educator in your New Jersey school/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.

**Nomination Deadline: October 13, 2017.**

*"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 late October. Winners and nominators will be our honored guests at the **Eleventh Annual Humanitarian Awards Celebration** to be held on **Thursday night, November 9th, at the Trenton Country Club.**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner*  
\$300 gift card

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner*  
\$200 gift card

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner*  
\$100 gift card

**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 are educated in Kidsbridge programs.

Kidsbridge also offers weekly Life Skills Programs, acknowledges educators for their character education leadership, regales business leaders in the community for their humanitarianism, and hosts an annual day of service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.. Hundreds of children, teens, and adults participate in these other Kidsbridge programs.

**About ESS | Source4Teachers**

Established in 2000, ESS | Source4Teachers is a leading provider of managed solutions in the K-12 education space. It recruits, hires, trains, places, and manages qualified substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and other support staff for school districts throughout the U.S. In July 2017, Source4Teachers merged with ESS, an education staffing firm in Knoxville, TN. Due to the merger and the new resources it brings, Source4Teachers expects to expand its geographic footprint beyond the 11 states in which it currently operates. Each day, the organization fills more than 10,000 daily, long-term, and permanent school assignments for more than 280 partners serving one million students. For more information, call (877) 983-2244 or visit Source4Teachers.com.

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