

Change the way you see the world and your role in it...

MOTivating Youth Volunteer Program

The *Motivating Youth Volunteer Program* is a new teen program for students grades 9 - 12 at the Museum of Tolerance (MOT). This program offers teens the opportunity to connect with history by listening to testimonies of Holocaust Survivors and by searching the Museum digital archives. Teens are asked to confront contemporary human rights issues and collaborate with their peers to promote tolerance and respect within their communities.

Volunteer activities include training as Teen Docents for the *Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves* and *Remember the Children* exhibits, introducing Holocaust Survivors before their presentations and assisting with art projects, special exhibitions and food drives for Museum Family Sundays.

The *MOTivating Youth Volunteer Program* is an ideal choice for fulfilling a school community service requirement. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Recognition and have the option to continue volunteering at the MOT, as well as applying for the *MOTivating Youth Council*.

The *MOTivating Youth Volunteer Program* includes three components:

- ❑ **Self Discovery:** Completing an Independent Museum Exploration and Educational Journal.
- ❑ **Sharing with Others:** Volunteering as a Teen Docent at the MOT, assisting with Family Sunday Programs, special Museum events and community drives. (25 hours).
- ❑ **Implementing What You've Learned:** *Community Outreach/Social Justice Project* summarizing the student's experience while at the MOT. Students are asked to select a topic of personal interest, from either Program 1, 2, or 3, corresponding to Museum exhibits and content in order to raise awareness on these selected issues and share their experience with the community.
 - **Program 1** - U.S. History: *Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves* Exhibit (Immigration and Family History) or *Civil Rights* Exhibit
 - **Program 2** - World History: *Holocaust* Exhibit
 - **Program 3** - Social Studies: *Tolerancenter* Exhibit (Contemporary Human Rights Issues and Social Justice)

Students may choose one of our suggested ideas for their project, modify it, or develop a project of their own. Suggested project ideas may include oral or video presentations, art work, essays or even fundraising projects. Students will make arrangements to present their *Community Outreach Project* to a school, church, synagogue or other organization. The *Community Outreach Project* will have written evaluations to be completed by the student and by MOT personnel.

To apply for the *MOTivating Youth Volunteer Program*, students must fill out an application, successfully complete an interview, and commit to completing the entire program. Volunteer hours in the Museum will be documented. \$30 fee includes administrative costs, training materials and a one-year Honorary Youth Membership to the MOT. Limited scholarships are available upon request. For information and applications, call 310.772.2468 or email volunteer@museumoftolerance.com.

