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Different Together
Presents

Metrotown Institute

July 13 - July 16, 2009
Riverside Presbyterian Church



What is Metrotown Institute?

The OneJax's Metrotown Institute is a gathering of high school students, entering grades 10-12, who come together to explore options for living successfully in an increasingly diverse and interdependent world. At Metrotown Institute students share ideas and feelings, discover their own unique talents, experience a variety of perspectives on diversity issues, multicultural communication, religious traditions, gender roles, and self-esteem. Participants create strategies for living and working with a multitude of differences.

The goal of OneJax's Metrotown Institute is to promote respect and understanding among all people. We'll do that through small group discussions and workshops, creative and artistic expression, recreation, outdoor experiences, and personal reflection on our diverse community. Be prepared! When you've completed Metrotown, you'll see the world through different eyes and you'll have made a lasting and positive difference in your own life and in the lives of your new friends.

How do I become a Metrotown Delegate?

Students are usually referred by an adult friend – a teacher, counselor, clergy, community leader, or parent who recognizes the gifts you have to offer. The referring adult is considered your Sponsor. In some cases, a sponsor may assist financially with the registration fee. You must complete the enclosed Application Form to apply for Metrotown Institute. Please fax to 904.354.2352 or mail the completed forms to:

OneJax
1022 Park Street, Suite 302
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Shortly after receipt of your application, a OneJax staff member will contact you about your next steps toward becoming a delegate in the 2009 Metrotown Institute. *This year's Metrotown will be held:*

When: Monday, July 13th – Thursday, July 16th, 2009 - Monday 8-5, Tuesday 9-5, Wednesday 9-5, and Thursday 9-9.

Where: Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

How Much Does It Cost?

The delegate's financial responsibility for the 4 days is a \$150 Registration Fee. Lunch is provided daily and dinner is provided on Thursday night. We have plenty of snacks in the day time. Insurance, educational and resource materials, transportation needs, and use of site facilities are covered through the generosity of our sponsors. Delegates are encouraged to contribute or find

support for as much of the Institute cost as possible. Financial assistance is available based on need. No one will be prevented from attending because he or she cannot afford the Registration Fee. If participation depends upon receiving financial assistance, please check the financial assistance box on the Application Form. This information is necessary for processing and will be kept confidential. Other delegates will not know who has received financial aid.

OneJax is a non-sectarian, nonprofit agency dedicated to increasing understanding and respect among people across all differences. Our human relations programs are carefully designed to support the development of responsible and caring citizens – people who are equipped to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of our diverse and interdependent world.

Metrotown Institute Application Form should be returned as soon as possible for review, but not later than July 2, 2009 to: Deidre Lane, Program Manager

For additional information, please contact Ms Lane at OneJax: (904) 354.1529 Ext 14

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