

MEDIA ADVISORY



FIGHTING VIOLENCE THROUGH YOUTH EMPOWERMENT LAUNCH OF COMMUNITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2007 – 11AM

Please join GTA Faith Alliance and Youth Assisting Youth (YAY) at the launch of their partnership to provide mentors to the community on Thursday June 14th, 11am at Elmbank Junior Middle Academy, 10 Pittsboro Dr., Etobicoke, Ontario.

The GTA Faith Alliance and Youth Assisting Youth are pleased to announce a new partnership committed to promoting the healthy growth and development of young people, the strengthening of families and response to the changing needs of the community.

YAY has been effectively helping at-risk and newcomer children for 30 years by providing them with positive role-models and mentors and preventing problems before they start. Youth mentoring is a proven way to prevent youth violence and create safer communities.

In partnership with the GTA Faith Alliance group and local community agencies, YAY's mission is to address the critical social problems and increasing violence among the youth in Toronto. Access to skills development, mentoring and counseling support facilitates success for young people in the school system and in life.

This partnership between GTA Faith Alliance and YAY benefits the community by providing mentors, who are dedicated and provide additional support to families. It allows individuals of all faiths to feel secure in seeking the help they need and increases the number of individuals within the specific age group required by YAY to meet their required placement needs. Toronto will benefit from this partnership by having young citizens who are engaged and empowered to be the best they can be.

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