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FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY Sponsored by the West Windsor Human Relations Council

West Windsor, N.J. – The West Windsor Township Human Relations Council will celebrate International Peace Day at a gathering on **Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 – 3:30 PM** at the West Windsor Senior Center, located at 271 Clarksville Road in West Windsor, adjacent to the post office in the Township Municipal Complex.

International Peace Day is observed around the world each year on September 21 and was established in 1981 by Resolution 36/37. The United Nations General Assembly declared this day **“as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations’ peoples.”**

The theme for this year’s International Peace Day is “Partnerships for Peace - Dignity for All”.

“Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh stated, “This is a wonderful opportunity to bring all in our community together, especially our youth who are our future, to share thoughts on how we can create peace in our diverse community in a sustainable and transformative manner.”

The Human Relations Council is also sponsoring an **essay contest** for middle school students in grades fourth through eighth and high school students in grades ninth through twelfth on the topic of: **“What peace means to me.”** Youths in these grades can submit an essay which should be no more than 200 words and submitted by mail or email in a typed written format in English by September 15, 2015 to: West Windsor Township, Attention International Peace Day Essay Contest Submission, 271 Clarksville Road, P.O. Box 38, West Windsor, NJ 08550 or via email to: tasmanz_2000@yahoo.com. Winners of the contest will be invited to read their essays at the Peace Day event.

The event is free and open to the public. Youths are urged to attend.

The West Windsor Township Human Relations Council is made up of the following representatives appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Barbara Edmonds-Chair, Victor Stein, Zahida Mirza, Jenny Lee, Razia Sayed, Savin Roman, Firoozeh Vali, Tasneem Sultan, Zain Sultan. The Council Members strive to promote community awareness and understanding of our diverse cultures, opportunities for engagement and understanding of our common goals of creating peace and unity.