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INTERFAITH WORKS INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THE 14TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE TO END RACISM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

The public is invited to attend the 14th Annual Duck Race to End Racism on Saturday, June 11, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Syracuse Inner Harbor, 390 W. Kirkpatrick Street., Syracuse. A free family festival, the Duck Race celebrates people of many colors, backgrounds and walks of life, and shows what the world would look like if racism did not exist. The event is organized by InterFaith Works of Central New York.

The day will feature a diverse line-up of children's entertainment, cooperative games, Ying TRSEF Maker Hall hands-on science/technology activities, face painting, community information booths, and duck races galore. Duck races include a Corporate Sponsors' Race with 19 full-size plastic ducks, a Quackers Youth Race with more than 40 full-size ducks decorated by third and fourth grade classrooms as well as youth organizations throughout Onondaga County, and a Community Race with more than 3,000 multicolored ducklings. The participant who has the first duck to cross the finish line wins the grand prize of a \$1,000 shopping spree at Destiny USA. Other prizes include "A Night on the Town" with theater tickets and dinner; "Family Fun Pack" to Onondaga County Parks; tickets to other family-friendly events; and boys' and girls' bicycles.

InterFaith Works of Central New York, through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding. Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works addresses deeply embedded social divisions leading to community action and policy change. InterFaith Works' social service programs address the needs of and empower people who are vulnerable, low income and targets of oppression, including refugees, the elderly and the institutionalized, through direct service and educational programs. InterFaith Works is committed to the belief that all people are deserving of dignity and respect regardless of ethnicity, faith, social circumstances or age. Key programs include the <u>Ahmad</u> & <u>Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue</u>, <u>Center for New Americans</u>, <u>Senior Services</u> and <u>Spiritual Care</u>.