



## **InterFaith Works of CNY**

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### **INTERFAITH WORKS INVITES THE MEDIA TO ATTEND THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DUCK RACE TO END RACISM, SATURDAY, JUNE 11, NOON TO 4 P.M., SYRACUSE INNER HARBOR**

**WHAT:** Members of the media are invited to attend the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race to End Racism**, a fun-filled family event that raises awareness about racism and racial inequality, on **Saturday, June 11, beginning at noon** at the Syracuse Inner Harbor. Organized by InterFaith Works of Central New York, the event celebrates people of many colors, backgrounds and walks of life, and shows what the world would look like if racism did not exist.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 11, 2016  
Noon - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Syracuse Inner Harbor, 390 W. Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse

**WHY:** The annual Duck Race to End Racism brings together third and fourth grade classrooms and youth organizations throughout the city of Syracuse and Onondaga County, local businesses and community members for a free day of fun that supports InterFaith Works' El-Hindi Center for Dialogue. The event features:

- a huge lineup of children's entertainment, cooperative games, Ying TRSEF Maker Hall hands-on science and technology activities, face painting, community information booths and free Byrne Dairy ice cream
- multiple duck races, including those of third and fourth grade classrooms and youth organizations (more than 40 ducks), community members (approximately 3,000 ducks) and corporate sponsors (approximately 19 ducks).

The participant who has the first duck to cross the finish line wins 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, including passes for Rosamond Gifford Zoo; tickets to other family-friendly events; and boys' and girls' bicycles.

**WHO:** Beth Broadway, President/CEO of InterFaith Works  
Louise Thurlow, Chair, InterFaith Works Board of Directors  
Peter Willner, Director, InterFaith Works' El-Hindi Center for Dialogue  
Larry Leatherman, Co-Chair, 2016 Duck Race to End Racism  
Eunice Williams, Co-Chair, 2016 Duck Race to End Racism and Vice  
President/Chief Diversity Officer, Onondaga Community College

**ABOUT:** [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 tradition, social circumstances or age. Key programs include the following: [Ahmad & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue](#), [Center for New Americans](#), [Senior Services](#) and [Spiritual Care](#).

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