Holocaust Resource Center's Open House to Provide Educational Opportunities Dec. 9

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Galloway Township, NJ- During the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center's third annual Open House, educators (kindergarten through high school) and members of the community will have the opportunity to walk through the Holocaust Resource Center for an individualized learning experience. Visitors will be able to take a tour of the facility and gather materials that can be used to pass on to students and fellow members of the community.

Learning begins at the entryway to the Holocaust Resource Center. The authentic railroad tracks from Bialystok, Poland, which form a canopy over the doorway, illustrate a story that words alone cannot describe.

The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Center's staff will be available to welcome educators and community members throughout the day.

Gail Rosenthal, director of the Holocaust Resource Center, explained, "Guests will be able to self-design their visit. Each participant's experience will be tailored to their needs."

The Open House is free and resource materials will be distributed for classroom use. Sample lesson plans and units for grade levels will be available to explore. Strategies and goals when extending classroom lessons about the Holocaust and other genocides will be explained. In addition, supplemental films, subject area files, posters, books and periodicals will be on display.

Educators who use books such as *Number the Stars, Diary of Anne Frank, Night, Jacob's Rescue, Rose Blanche, Twenty and Ten, Zlata's Diary, The Upstairs Room, and Friedrich* will be offered supplemental lesson materials on those books.

Inside the Center, the portraits and biographies mounted on the walls tell the stories of area survivors. A concentration camp uniform of a Holocaust survivor that has avoided deterioration and a miniature, hand-carved violin case are two of the many items on display at the Center. There is a story behind every artifact.

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No pre-registration for the Open House is required. Professional development hours (PDH) are available for New Jersey educators. For further information, please contact Gail Rosenthal at 609-652-4699 or gail.rosenthal@stockton.edu.

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