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Holocaust Museum visit leaves 'lasting impression' on Woodstock students

WHS Grade 9 students to host breakfast this Saturday to raise funds for trip to Washington D.C.

For almost a decade, Grade 9 students of Woodstock High School have had the opportunity to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. Students who has taken the trip described it as an experience of significant impact — one that has, at times, evoked tears, shock and sympathy for the sufferings of others.

For students like Jamie Rose, it was a greater learning experience than she anticipated.

"I was very interested in the trip because of my family's heritage but it was a history lesson that informed me of so much more than what I expected, with a lasting impression," she said.

Although a wonderful trip for a family to take, it isn't a typical tourist destination. For this reason many visitors have come to the Holocaust Museum as part of an educational trip.

"It would be valuable as a family trip for sure, but there is also a benefit in visiting with peers," added Jamie's mom, Lynn Rose. "It is difficult to fully express the impact of this information

to someone who hasn't seen what the museum offers. To see it with your peers means you can process it with others who are learning this for the first time."

The museum was established by the Asper Foundation following Israel Asper's belief that philanthropy is the driving force towards positive change in people's quality of life. Among other things, the museum prompts visitors to examine how they can take responsibility: to speak for the oppressed and against injustice — to take concrete action to help those in need.

The Asper foundation has funded a large percentage of the trip taken by Woodstock High School students in the spring but to receive that help, and in keeping with the Asper Foundation outlook, each student participating is required to do 16 hours of volunteer service in their community.

The rest is paid by the student's families. To aid families in making their contribution, students, teachers and parents work throughout the year

at various fundraising efforts.

This Saturday, Oct. 15, WHS will host a breakfast of bacon, eggs, pancakes, fried potatoes, coffee, juice and tea from 7:30-10:30. The cost is by donation. Other upcoming fundraisers include a spaghetti dinner at WHS late November, and the sale of raffle tickets at both events.

As you drive through Woodstock this Saturday, students will be waving posters of invitation to the breakfast.

Feel free to have fun, joining your community for a breakfast that helps provide a trip that will encourage and inspire students to consider the work they may do to stand for the rights of the oppressed and help those in need.

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Letter to the Editor

Program's success inspires museum

Dear Editor:

Re: Holocaust Museum visit leaves 'lasting impression' on Woodstock students (Oct. 11, 2011)

Thank you for this article related to The Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program. While it mistakenly identifies The Asper Foundation as having established the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the Foundation was the driving force behind the establishment of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights as Canada's fifth National Museum in 2008.

The program's extraordinary success in communities across Canada was the inspiration for the original vision of the Museum, now under construction in Winnipeg with an opening scheduled for 2013. Please visit www.humanrightsmuseum.ca for more information on this transformative national initiative.

With best regards,

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