

PRESS RELEASE

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

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JFS IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH MUSIC IN COMMON TO OFFER EXPERIENTIAL MULTI-CULTURAL MUSIC PROGRAM TO NEW AMERICAN YOUTH

Springfield- Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts is excited to be a community organization to partner with Music in Common to bring an experiential interfaith music program to refugee, immigrant and American-born youth in Springfield.

Music in Common is a non-profit organization that empowers diverse cultures and faiths to discover common ground through collaborative songwriting and multimedia. Their signature JAMMS (Journalism as Music, Multimedia and Songwriting) program brings together youth to work with industry professionals to write, record, and perform a song and create a video project. In addition to learning technical and creative skills, participants develop the important life skills of collaboration, communication and teamwork. They also learn about each other's faiths and cultures and the commonalities they share.

This three day in-depth program will start August 21-23, 2017 with a 6:00PM performance on August 23rd at The Bing Arts Center, 716 Sumner Ave., Springfield, MA that is free and open to the public.

The upcoming program will be led by Music in Common lead program facilitators Todd Mack, Lynnette Najimy and Marisa Massery.

Thanks to generous support from the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, JFS and The Bing Arts Center, sixteen refugee youth will be participating in the program free of charge this summer.

To learn more about Music In Common, visit musicincommon.org. For more JFS programs and services, visit jfswm.org.

Since 1915, Jewish Family Service has been providing exceptional social services, grounded in Jewish values, to support and empower individuals and families from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.

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