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Seattle's Holocaust Center for Humanity Receives Award for Curriculum



Left to right: Dee Simon, Executive Director of the Holocaust Center for Humanity; Ilana Cone Kennedy, Director of Education; Branda Anderson; Chris Ellinger.

[Seattle, WA]: June 7, the Holocaust Center for Humanity received the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO)'s Heritage Education Award for 2016.

The award-winning curriculum supports the Center's core exhibit, *With My Own Eyes*, which opened in October 2015. The exhibit engages visitors in a conversation about the Holocaust and its lessons through stories, artifacts, and testimonies of local Holocaust survivors. It challenges visitors to consider how each of us makes a difference through our words and actions.

The curriculum is aligned with Common Core standards and can be used before, during, or after touring the exhibit at the Holocaust Center for Humanity. It is designed to be adapted for students in grades 7 and up. The complete exhibit text and many artifacts and images included in the exhibit can be found in the curriculum, which is available for free on the Center's website HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

"The curriculum provides teachers with the tools they need to teach about this complex subject," said Ilana Cone Kennedy, the Center's Director of Education. "The goal of the exhibit, and of this new curriculum, is to provide students with an introduction to the Holocaust and challenge them to consider how this history applies both to our world today, and to them personally."

Experienced teachers Branda Anderson of Kamiak High School and Chris Ellinger of Mountlake Terrace High School were instrumental in developing the thought-provoking and interactive activities that make up the curriculum.

AKCHO's Heritage Education Award is presented to a King County teacher or an organization that has promoted King County heritage through the innovative incorporation of local history into the curriculum and/or through a project that involves students with the heritage community.

ABOUT THE CENTER: Connecting lessons of the Holocaust to a broad range of relevant themes for our time, from bullying to social justice, the Holocaust Center for Humanity has been teaching students to become engaged citizens and to speak out against bigotry and prejudice since 1989. The Center works directly with teachers, students, and community groups across the Northwest to provide educational materials, curriculum, and interaction with local Holocaust survivors who tell their stories to 20,000 students of all ages each year. In 2015, the Center opened its museum to the public. In the first six months of operation, 15,000 students of all ages have toured the Center's exhibits.

The Center's mission is to inspire teaching and learning for humanity in the schools and communities of this region through study of the Holocaust. Find out more at HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.