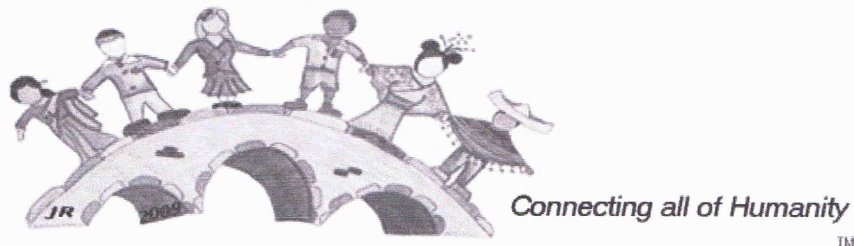


## Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island



### For High School Students Only

**Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island (BBCSI) In Partnership with The Temple of Understanding (TOU) Will Officially Recognize and Award Students Completing the training of The Temple of Understanding's Interfaith Dialogue and Education Action (IDEA) "A Youth Driven, Youth Inspired Community Program".**

As part of our 2010 Unity Project BBCSI, has teamed up with The Temple of Understanding, and will award Staten Island high school students special recognition for completing **The Temple of Understanding's Interfaith Dialogue and Education Action (IDEA) "A Youth Driven, Youth Inspired Community Program"**. The training will commence in the Winter of 2010, and an Awards ceremony will be held in the Summer of 2010.

*The Temple of Understanding, founded in 1960, is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) affiliated with the United Nations. Its mission in creating IDEA is "To build leadership skill, critical thinking skills, and create strong bonds and friendships with other youth from their local community. IDEA differs from traditional faith based educational programs by allowing young people to explore their own faith traditions while at the same time learning about and exploring the religious traditions of their peers. To encourage and inspire young people to build on their existing knowledge and encourage critical thinking about faith, culture, traditions, and global issues in order to encourage them to become more empowered, active citizens of their communities, nations, and the world."*

The goals of TOU are virtually identical to BBCSI's goals and we hope many Staten Island high school children will choose to undergo this training. At its conclusion our Staten Island teens will qualify as mentors for other children in a relationship that we hope will last well beyond high school.

We are proud of this partnership between BBCSI and TOU and excited over the opportunity being offered to our teens to connect all humanity on Staten Island. For additional information, please contact Bob Myerson at [bmyerson@verizon.net](mailto:bmyerson@verizon.net) or (718) 698-7416.