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December 29, 2009

Ms. Martha Younger
Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Buffalo Chapter
389 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14216

Dear Ms. Younger:

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) is a not-for-profit civil rights organization that has led the struggle for fair housing in the Buffalo-Niagara region since 1963. HOME's mission is to promote the value of diversity and to ensure the people of Western New York an equal opportunity to live in the housing and in the community of their choice through education, advocacy, enforcement of fair housing laws and the creation of housing opportunities.

We ask your help in notifying high school seniors that **HOME is now accepting applications for the Joanne Champion Granger Scholarship.** HOME will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and civil rights. HOME will also give fifty dollars to the high school of the winner, in thanks for its participation.

The scholarship winner will also be honored at HOME's 47th Annual Meeting and Dinner on April 29th, 2010.

The scholarship is an opportunity to both award a promising student, and to increase awareness of the importance of fair housing. HOME would be happy to provide a speaker to talk about civil rights and the scholarship.

We have enclosed additional information about the award, an application form, and a brochure with more information about HOME. Additional forms are available at www.homeny.org.

Please feel free to contact me at (716) 854-1400 extension 22 or by e-mail at gmckenzie@homeny.org if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Grace McKenzie
Grace McKenzie

Education Coordinator

THE JOANNE CHAMPION GRANGER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

"I hope that young people will develop a real excitement for life and the marvels of the world around and within them. This type of excitement can only come with the ability to see, to judge, and to respond to the world..."

--Joanne Champion Granger

These simple words embody the personal philosophy of the late Joanne Champion Granger, a high school science teacher and community activist in whose honor this scholarship was established. Her personal experience with housing discrimination did not defeat her, but led her to use her courage and determination to work for equal rights in housing for herself and others. Even after her retirement from Mount St. Mary's Academy, she remained an active member of many service and civil rights organizations, including Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

The award, created in 1995 at the behest of Joanne Champion Granger's husband, Dr. Carl Granger, is granted to a high school senior who demonstrates a commitment to the ideals by which she lived: academic excellence, pride of work, and commitment to human rights and human service.

The scholarship amount is **\$1,000**.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Be a **college bound high school senior** attending school in Erie or Niagara County.
- ◆ Have maintained a **"B" average** verified by a grade report from the applicant's school.
- ◆ Submit an **original essay** which demonstrates the student's community involvement and commitment to human rights and /or equal opportunity in housing. **(Maximum three pages)**
- ◆ Be **nominated by school personnel or a community leader** familiar with the student's activities.

The award will be presented at HOME's 47th Annual Meeting and Dinner. It is HOME's desire that the award shall not reduce any other aid provided to the student.

Applications must be postmarked by February 17, 2010.

No application will be considered without an essay, grade report, and letter of recommendation.

The Joanne Champion Granger Scholarship Application Form

Additional forms are available at www.homeny.org

Please print or type

PART I CONTACT INFORMATION

Candidate Information:

Name: _____

Nominating School/Organization Name: _____

School Name (if different from above): _____

Home Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization Name: _____

School/Organization Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

PART II NOMINATION

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DESCRIBING THE ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ATTRIBUTES OF THE STUDENT THAT MAKE HIM OR HER A SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR THE AWARD.

PART III SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE NOMINATION IN ORDER FOR THE CANDIDATE TO BE CONSIDERED:

- The completed application form (contact information).
- Nominator's letter of recommendation.
- An original essay (MAXIMUM THREE PAGES) written by the student demonstrating how his or her thoughts and actions reflect a commitment to human rights and/or equal opportunity in housing.
- An official copy of the student's high school transcript showing a grade average of "B" or higher.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

Award Committee
C/O HOME, Inc.
700 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Fax: (716) 854-1140

Forms may be photocopied

DEADLINE:

applications must be postmarked no later than

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010