Optimism Preventive Services, Inc.

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National Unity DAY

Dear Community Friends,

In observance of National Unity Day; Optimism Mentoring and Preventive Services, Inc. is sponsoring its 4th annual "Anti Bullying Unity Day Parade/Rally." Unity Day is a day everyone can come together in schools, churches and community to send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope and unity to show that we stand together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

We are asking all schools, churches, community organizations, bands, etc. to please join us on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 for Georgetown County Unity Day Parade/Rally. "Stand Up, Speak Out Against Bullying". Parade lineup will take place at Eastbay Park at 4:00pm.

While gearing up for the grand parade below are fun tips to consider for Unity Day.

- Wear **ORANGE** in the school, workplace, home and community. It can be an orange T-shirt, tie, hat, wristband, socks, or even shoelaces.
- Promote the event at school, church and in the community with posters, banners.
- Be creative with your parade entry for the "Orange Originality Award"
- Encourage all students attending your school to participate for the "Orange Titanic Award"

Julie Hertzog, director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center says that "One of every four school-aged children will be bullied this year - upwards of 13 million students "It's important that our children know they are not alone and that they have the right to feel safe. By joining together and wearing **ORANGE** on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about student's physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society."

Register NOW!! Contact Denise Chatman at 843-240-0411. Thank you for your support and love for the children of Georgetown County.

Sincerely,

Alyss Gethers Vice President/Parade Chair Mikalya Wright, President/Committee Chair Denise Chatman, Executive Director

National Unity DAY Parade Application Form

Applications Can Be Mailed to: P.O. Box 1695 Georgetown, SC 29442 Or email to <u>optimism.vision2010@yahoo.com</u> For further information call: (843)240-0411

Once we process your application, we will contact you via email or telephone. Successful applicants will be allocated an assembly number prior to the parade.

The "Orange Originality Award" will be given to most creative entry The "Orange Titanic Award" will be given to the school with most participation

Entry Name	
Contact Person	
E-mail	
Telephone Number	
Address	

Type of Entry

Car/Truck	Bike	Walkers	Other:

Parade lineup will begin at 4:00pm sharp starting at East Bay Park.

Hold Harmless Agreement

I/We hereby assume full and complete responsibility for any personal injury and/or property damage that I/we or any other of our participants sustain or cause during participation in the Georgetown County Unity Day Parade. In addition, I/we further agree to indemnify releases from any loss, liability, damage or cost, including attorney's fees that may incur due to my volunteer participation or the volunteer participation of our other participants in the parade.

Signature

Date

Our Mission: To improve the lives of young people through effective education, mentoring and prevention programs.