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**Youth Conflict Resolution Education Summer Program Offered by  
Western Justice Center Foundation**

The Western Justice Center Foundation (WJC), located at 55 South Grand Avenue in Pasadena, California, is providing a week-long conflict resolution training for middle and high school students, ages 14 to 18 years old. **Summer 4 Peace** is partially funded by a \$150,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

“We are fortunate to get funding from the Kellogg Foundation to support our commitment to peace-building in schools,” said Angela E. Oh, Executive Director of the WJC. “Conflict resolution, which includes mediation, negotiation, and restorative justice practices, provides basic skills that equip students with the tools they need to create positive alternatives to violence and greater cohesiveness among students on campus, as well as improve their learning environment.”

**Summer 4 Peace**, offered between August 17 and August 21, introduces participating youth to negotiation strategies, conflict resolution techniques, and active listening skills. Participants practice these skills through a series of games, interactive activities, role-plays, and mock mediations. The program begins with actors performing a scene that demonstrates the benefits of dialogue and active listening to resolve conflict. A packet of printed materials, distributed to all participants free of charge, highlights the essential conflict resolution techniques and methods showcased in the program. Student participants are from several schools, including: I-Poly High School, John Muir High, Washington Middle, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School, and Blair International Baccalaureate Magnet.

The mission of the Western Justice Center is to increase the opportunity for peaceful conflict resolution and to displace the power of violence in our society. The WJC creates cultures of peace by engaging, educating, and implementing innovative programs for youth, communities and courts.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The organization supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

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