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CONGRESSMAN MORELLE ANNOUNCES \$125,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL ANTI-DRUG INITIATIVE

Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together organization seeks to reduce the impact of drugs on community youth

January 11, 2021 (Washington, DC) – Today, Congressman Joe Morelle announced that local advocacy group Drug Free Irondequoit: Together (D-FI) has been awarded a \$125,000 grant by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This funding will facilitate Drug-Free Irondequoit's hiring of full-time staff to focus on program management, community engagement, and reducing the impact of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use on youth in Irondequoit and across the community.

"I'm pleased that D-FI has been awarded this important grant which will help advance their mission, bolster community engagement, and create safer neighborhoods," **said Rep. Morelle**. "This grassroots organization has been a critical partner in our continued efforts to raise awareness and address the effects of drug use and addiction, particularly the dangerous and devastating opioid epidemic. I'm grateful to the CDC for their support and look forward to the important work D-FI will accomplish."

"Protecting the health and safety of our youth is at the root of everything Drug-Free Irondequoit does," said **Virginia Nancy, Chair of the DFI Board of Directors**. "I am incredibly grateful to Congressman Morelle and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for their support and look forward to expanding our ability to reach Irondequoit's youth and their families."

"Since it was started in 2016, Drug-Free Irondequoit has done great work in our community to promote the health and wellness of our youngest residents, working to increase awareness of the risks posed by drugs and tobacco products," said **Irondequoit Supervisor Dave Seeley**. "They are the gold-standard on how communities can combat substance use at the grassroots level. I offer my

congratulations to D-FI on winning this grant and look forward to our continued partnership.”

D-FI seeks to establish and strengthen collaboration among multiple community sectors to develop and support the implementation of programs and activities related to prevention, education, and reduction of youth substance use. More information on D-FI and their mission can be found [here](#).

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