



August 31, 2020

Dear Irondequoit Community Member,

As we write our Third Annual Appeal, many words can be used to describe this past year – unprecedented, uncertain, challenging, and unique are just a few that come to mind. During the COVID-19 pandemic, addiction trends have surged dramatically as the country has seen increased usage of alcohol, marijuana, vaping and opioids. Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together, as the primary community advocate for prevention and reduction of youth substance use in Irondequoit, has remained strong, steady, and focused, but we need your help!

As a 501c3, not-for-profit organization, we rely solely on donations. We are asking for your support, no matter how small, to help us continue to support healthy, positive activities and events for youth in our community, as well as to bring educational programs to parents, businesses, and the greater Irondequoit community.

Please consider supporting our Annual Appeal, which kicks off on August 31st, International Overdose Awareness Day, and runs through the end of the year.

Visit our website, www.dfitogether.org for more information and “like us” on Facebook, @drugfreeirondequoittogether, to get updates on information related to youth substance use and our upcoming initiatives, including a sharps disposal box at IPD this coming fall, distribution of Deterra® Drug Deactivation and Disposal pouches throughout the community, and a social media event for youth with Chaz Bruce.

You can donate electronically from our website at www.dfitogether.org or send a check, payable to “Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together”, to 122 Old North Hill, Rochester, NY 14617.

Thank you, very much, for anything you can give to help us *champion drug-free youth* in Irondequoit.

Sincerely,

Virginia Macy
President

MISSION

Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together brings key community stakeholders together to develop and support the implementation of programs and activities related to prevention, education and reduction of youth substance use by

- acting as a channel for programs and information relating to healthy non-addictive lifestyles
- assessing and reporting the needs of our community through evidence based effective practices and
- addressing gaps revealed by these reports.