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## **Oasis and Garden State Woman Education Foundation to Host "2nd Annual Leadership and Success Summit" for Passaic County Teen Girls**

PATERSON, NJ – Oasis and Garden State Woman Education Foundation are pleased to announce the **2nd Annual Leadership and Success Summit** for high school girls, to take place at **Oasis** (59 Mill Street, Paterson, NJ 07501) on **Saturday, September 10, 2016** from **8am-2:30pm**. The program is free but preregistration is required at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org).

The program will begin with keynote speaker Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter (D-35), who will share her personal story and thoughts on leadership. "We are thrilled our friend Shavonda Sumter will be able to join us at the Summit," noted Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady. "She is a great role model for the young women of our city - a Paterson native who has championed the city and has accomplished great things. We look forward to her reflections on leadership and success."

Brianna Luongo, Oasis Teen Program Coordinator, along with Shikha Shah, Oasis Social Worker, is organizing the half day event. "It's going to be a jam-packed and fun-filled day," said Ms. Shah. Topics for conversation will include self-esteem and empowerment, education and careers in STEM, how to avoid phishing, fraud, and scams, and ways to begin planning for your future. Breakfast and lunch are included, as well as fun activities like zumba and mixed martial arts. Door prizes will be raffled and all participants will have the opportunity to network with peers and professionals.

Oasis is supported in this endeavor by Judy Chapman, Founder of Garden State Woman Education Foundation. "The Oasis program for teenage girls and the commitment of the staff is awe inspiring," noted Ms. Chapman. "We are grateful for the opportunity to support the Oasis staff and honored to be a part of their important service."

All participants must be female and ages 13-18 to attend this event. Registration is open at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org). Space is limited.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Leadership and Success Summit is sponsored by the Berkeley College, Horizon NJ Health, the Merkovsky Family, and St. Francis Food Pantries and Shelters.

### **About Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children:**

Oasis is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Paterson, New Jersey whose mission is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need. Each day, an average of 600 women and children access the services of Oasis, which has been serving women and children in Paterson for nearly 20 years. Learn more at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org).