



Latina girls from 13-21



cordially invites you to

Strength and Soul
a Latina Youth Conference

November 13, 2010
CW Jefferys Collegiate Institute
10 AM-4PM



An organization that promotes the integral development of Latin-American women
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MUJER invites you to *'Strength and Soul.'* our first Latina Youth Conference!

When: Saturday, November 13, 2010

Where: C W Jefferys Collegiate Institute, 340 Sentinel Rd. (See map)

What time: 10 AM-4 PM

Important things to know about the conference:

- Registration is **FREE!** Just fill out the registration form **and** call Graciela at 416-515-9413
- All girls will be receiving **volunteer community hours** for participating and strategizing solutions
- There will be **free food!**
- If you need **TTC tickets**, we will provide some for you!
- The conference is planned by and run by youth with interactive workshops, opportunities for them to talk, and artistic entertainment, so no "boring" conference!
- **Only youth will participate in workshops and discussions**, so confidentiality is respected
- If a student or parent would like more information before the youth can be registered, I am open to speaking with them in both Spanish or English

What is MUJER?

MUJER is a non-profit organization that works with the Latin-American community and has worked closely with young Latinas in the Jane-Finch neighbourhood to encourage and celebrate your potential as leaders. MUJER encourages young Latinas to become social agents of change no matter their race, income, sexual orientation, immigration status, ability or education level, providing the youth with the tools and opportunities to engage in public education activities.

Why a conference for Latina youth from the Jane-Finch community?

The Jane/Finch neighbourhood reflects one of the most ethnically diverse areas in all of Toronto and also houses the largest population of youth, sole support families, immigrants and refugees, and low-income public housing tenants in Toronto (p. 5, A Report of the Jane-Finch Street Involved Youth Issues Coalition, December 2002). This social reality is one that makes the youth that live in this area more vulnerable to discrimination and institutional barriers. MUJER believes that it is important to enable Latina youth to enhance their natural leadership skills and to create conditions that will increase opportunities and improve both individuals and the community.

What are the themes of the conference and why?

The themes of the conference are STEREOTYPES, CULTURE and GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES, and IDENTITY. After speaking to 20 Latina youth in order to better understand the problems you confront daily, we learned that these three themes were extremely repetitive, and extremely frustrating for youth.

What is the objective of the conference?

The objective is to create a safe space where Latina youth may come together to identify issues and needs affecting Latina youth. We want you to have the opportunity to be part of a conference that is designed for you and that allows you to actually speak out. **You are strongly encouraged to join us at this conference! We know that young Latinas have something to say on these issues, and we invite you to participate in a conference that is FOR YOU.**

To register, please fill out the registration form and send to Graciela at MUJERcoordination@gmail.com and call 416-515-9413



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MUJER's Latina youth conference: "Strength and Soul"

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Registration Form:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Are you in school? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, what school _____

City – Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send your registration by email to Graciela Flores at MUJERcoordination@gmail.com (or bring it with you the day of the conference) **but also** call Graciela at 416-515-9413!

Website: www.mujer.ca **Email:** MUJERcoordination@gmail.com

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