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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **NYC Charter School Adds Relationship Education**

Middle Village, Queens, NY - February 13, 2017 — Middle Village Preparatory Charter School, a small independent, public charter school serving students in grades 6-8, has hired The Relationship Foundation to kick-start their Respect for All program that reaches over 360 students.

Ms. Nichole Clemente, one of the guidance counselors at Middle Village Prep, said: “The Relationship Foundation is a great idea for our school.” Healthy Relationships 101 addresses: respectful communication skills; bullying prevention; emphatic listening; healthy boundaries; self confidence and body image; media influence on relationships; texting, social media and relationships; and preventing cycles of abuse.

The Relationship Foundation, headquartered in New York, implements relationship education (Social and Emotional Learning) into schools and organizations across the country. Their Healthy Relationships 101 curriculum,

coauthored by bullying prevention expert Jessica Klein Ph.D., author of *The Bully Society*, has also been reviewed and approved by Scholastic.

Michael Jasz, Executive Director of The Relationship Foundation, said:

“Relationship education is the missing component in our educational system; it’s core to the learning process.” The Healthy Relationship 101 curriculums can be tailored to any class structure (in-class instruction, assemblies, parent and teacher workshops, professional development) schedule or organization’s needs.

About The Relationship Foundation. It was founded in 2008 to teach the fundamentals of Nonviolent Communication, empowering individuals to articulate their needs and feelings without blame and judgment, and to listen empathically.

Their curriculum has been used nationwide in high schools, middle schools, mental health facilities, women’s crisis centers, prisons and even the army.

Marianne Williamson, internationally acclaimed spiritual author, lecturer and popular guest on Oprah, has said: “Given that we’ve discovered how to send a man to the moon but haven’t figured out how to get along any better than we do among ourselves, nothing is more important in these times than that we learn how to form and maintain quality relationships. ‘Healthy Relationships 101’ provides tools that all of us need in order to bond in meaningful and healthy ways with others. Especially for our young people, this is truly a much-needed gift.”

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About Middle Village Preparatory Charter School (MVP). MVP prepares students for success at a selective college prep high school of their choice. Their MVP curriculum surpasses the New York State Education Department requirements, such as requiring all their students to study Latin for three years.

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