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**LOCAL PROFESSIONAL TO ADDRESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
BEREAVEMENT IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

**SOUTHAMPTON, NY** – August 31, 2011 – Laraine Gordon the Founder and Executive Director of Time For Teens, Inc. has been invited as a breakout session speaker at The Moyer Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Bereavement Camp Conference in Seattle Washington. Ms. Gordon will be presenting on her innovative not for profit organization, Time For Teens, Inc. Time for Teens provides a sensitive, caring, and creative environment for healing through education, counseling and creative expression for teenagers between the ages of 12 – 19 who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

"I am inspired by The Moyer Foundation's dedication to the support of children in distress," says Laraine Gordon, Time For Teens Founder and Executive Director. "It is an honor to be a part of their National Bereavement Camp Conference to address how creativity and experiential techniques strengthen adolescent resiliency following a loss." Traditionally, talk therapy is used as a way to engage teenagers in bereavement support settings, which is not particularly effective. Experiential work is action oriented and dramatic, the results are powerful and can be life changing for teens struggling with painful experiences. Ms. Gordon has been utilizing experiential techniques with teenagers for 15 years and finds it to be the most effective therapeutic approach particularly but not exclusive to grief, bereavement and the adolescent population.

The conference was created by The Moyer Foundation and will take place in Seattle, Washington October 6-7, 2011. The objective of the National Bereavement Camp Conference is to give bereavement professionals and organizations information and training on bereavement camp programming, organizing and fundraising for children and teens. For more information on the National Bereavement Camp Conference and The Moyer Foundation, visit [www.moyerfoundation.org](http://www.moyerfoundation.org).

Separately, this year for the first time, Laraine will be extending her expertise alongside Tom Wasik LCSW, by offering a weekend workshop to adults who are experiencing grief and supporting a teenager through the healing process. The workshop will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 – 11 in Southampton. For more information please contact Laraine directly at [laraine@larainegordon.com](mailto:laraine@larainegordon.com).

Founded in 2007 by Laraine Gordon, LCSW-R, Time For Teens, Inc. provides a weeklong bereavement camp annually, addressing the specific needs of grieving teens. Experiential techniques are employed along with creative expression and activities such as kayaking, golf and improvisational exercises. In addition to the bereavement camp program, Time For Teens holds workshops and seminars for teens and families throughout the year, visit [www.time4teens.org](http://www.time4teens.org) to learn more about Laraine and our upcoming programs.