

# YOUTH VOICES CENTER INC.

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**New Fairfield Middle School and Youth Voices Center to collaborate to enhance the  
PACK/Wingman Program**

*Michael Arterberry, Motivational Speaker and New Fairfield Resident to deliver Kick-Off of PACK  
Wingman Takeover Day on February 13th, 2017.*

New Fairfield, CT – January 16, 2017 – Youth Voices Center’s Founder and Executive Director, Michael Arterberry, will be delivering an inspirational message to the student body of the New Fairfield Middle School in preparation for the PACK Wingman Takeover Day. His message to students to “Be The Driver of Your Own Car” and to “Shake the Dirt Off” enhance the PACK and Wingman Programs’ mission of encouraging understanding, compassion, empathy and leadership. He will be encouraging students to develop a sense of community, acceptance and for all students to reach their full potential.

Youth Voices Center, Inc. is a Westchester based non-profit that has served over 8,000 teens since its inception in 2008. Through experiential workshops, teens are empowered to become active, productive members of society. Workshops are focused on developing leadership, teamwork, collaboration, decision-making, respect for others and self and diversity.

Consistent with the schools’ philosophy of promoting dignity and self-worth, Michael will be teaching the young leaders in the PACK program over a 4-week period to facilitate, lead and to share the encouraging message with their peers during the PACK Wingman Takeover Day.

**About Youth Voices Center, Inc.**

Established in 2008, Youth Voices Center, Inc. (YVC) is dedicated to promoting positive youth development among adolescents, ages 12-18, through its Power of Peace program offered in schools, community centers, and youth groups. The Power of Peace program is a conflict management initiative focused on developing leadership, teamwork, collaboration, decision-making, respect for others and self, and cultural awareness.

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## **About #New Fairfield Middle School**

“The educational philosophy of the New Fairfield Public Schools is based on the concept of a democratic society that recognizes, respects, and promotes the dignity and worth of the individual and seeks to provide an equal opportunity for each student to realize his or her fullest potential for academic and personal achievement.”

“Over the past few weeks Mr. Arterberry has worked with our PACK students in preparation for their takeover day. Students are very excited about the information they are learning and are eager to share this information with the middle school community. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful resource in the town of New Fairfield.” ~ Mrs. Christine Baldelli - Principal

**Website:** [www.newfairfieldpublicschools.com](http://www.newfairfieldpublicschools.com)

## **About Wingman**

Wingman is a customizable social and emotional learning framework for schools that places students in leadership positions and uses principles of inclusion and empathy to create an accepting environment for all individuals.

**Website:** [www.wingmanleague.org](http://www.wingmanleague.org).

Wingman is a program from Dylan’s Wings of Change, a foundation dedicated to the memory of Dylan Hockley, who died at Sandy Hook Elementary on December 14, 2012.

**Website:** [www.dylanswingsofchange.org](http://www.dylanswingsofchange.org)