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One To World and NJTV Partner to Bring the World into Local Homes Beginning Friday, July 17 at 1pm

July 15, 2020 – Newark, NJ – One To World and NJTV, New Jersey’s public television network, have partnered to bring a new six-episode weekly cultural education series, *The Global Classroom*, to young viewers beginning Friday, July 17 at 1pm on NJTV (check local listings).

The Global Classroom teaches youth in grades three through six about cultures around the world by exploring new destinations with a team of international students. These “Global Guides” share engaging stories about their childhood experiences and show that there is always more than what meets the eye when exploring a new culture. Students will investigate such varied experiences as a day in the life of a nomadic child in Mongolia to the foods of Canada and France to a celebration of the songs and dance of India and more. The goal: for children to develop the skills to challenge their own cultural perceptions.

“We are so pleased to be able to bring our *Global Classroom* program to students across New Jersey and beyond,” said One To World Executive Director Jen Clarke. “If current events show us nothing else, it is the importance of cooperating across cultures. *The Global Classroom* teaches students from an early age the importance of global education and intercultural understanding. Our approach activates and inspires youth to take action on critical issues facing our world.”

“NJTV’s mission to educate and engage has never been more important,” said NJTV General Manager John Servidio. “Throughout the pandemic, we have been dedicated to helping New Jersey students learn from home. *Global Classroom* enables kids to not only learn but also explore the world from their living rooms. Its message of cultural understanding will widen the horizons of countless students in the tri-state area in more ways than one.”

By comparing a day in the life of children around the world, the series’ Global Guides explore themes such as courage, resilience, and friendship across cultures. Through storytelling, viewers will learn to see past the observable characteristics of their guides to better understand the attitudes and values that compose cultures.

The broadcasts are an extension of One To World’s *Global Classroom* initiative that connects NYC-area youth with trained, international university scholars to learn about world cultures and global issues through interactive presentations and thoughtful discussions that enhance the learning experience for all involved. Through face-to-face interactions and meaningful intercultural exchange with international leaders of tomorrow, students develop the skills, awareness, and understanding to become global citizens in their communities, both locally and worldwide.

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About One To World

One To World is the only organization dedicated to connecting Americans and K-12 public school students with the over 800 Fulbright scholars and the almost 100,000 international students—representing more than 140 countries—who are studying on New York-area campuses every year. To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to-face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars. The organization has been creating opportunities for citizen diplomacy for over 40 years. While many international students are satisfied with their academic experience, too many say that they feel unwelcome, invisible, and isolated, and have few American friends. They too often return to their home countries without having made the connections that strengthen the possibility for positive international relationships in the future. At the same time, there is an urgent need for Americans to increase their awareness and understanding of other cultures, and far too few opportunities for this to happen. One To World provides hundreds of programs each year that connect international students with Americans and with each other. To read more about One To World's services for international students, Fulbright grantees, and international educators, as well as the *Global Classroom* program in New York area K-12 schools, visit www.onetoworld.org.

About NJTV

NJTV, New Jersey's public television network, brings quality arts, education, and public affairs programming to all 21 counties in New Jersey and its tri-state neighbors. NJTV presents PBS series such as *Nature*, *NOVA*, *Amanpour and Company*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* and *Curious George*, as well as diverse local programs including [NJTV Learning Live](#), [Here's the Story](#), [Treasures of New Jersey](#), [Drive By History](#), [One-on-One with Steve Adubato](#) and [State of the Arts](#). The network's flagship news broadcast, [NJTV News](#), and its affiliate [NJ Spotlight](#) work in tandem to provide multi-platform reporting from across the Garden State while also producing live news specials and hosting roundtable discussions.

Headquartered at the Agnes Varis NJTV Studio in Newark, with additional studio space at New Jersey City University and resource partners across the state, NJTV engages with the communities it serves through regular studio tours, internship opportunities, local program screenings, and town hall-style convenings that highlight topics from healthcare, housing and poverty to education and the environment. NJTV's website offers online programs and free digital resources for educators via PBS LearningMedia New Jersey. Visit njtvonline.org to learn more.

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