

## The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Middle School Learning through Experience Program

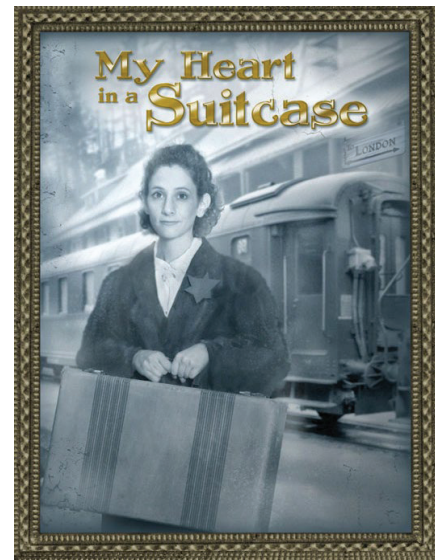
**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019**  
**10 am – 12:30 pm**  
**RVCC THEATRE**

### MY HEART IN A SUITCASE

Performance by ARTSPOWER

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary  
of the Kindertransport

With the Nazis in power, in 1938, young Anne and her family no longer felt safe in their Berlin home. Her parents made a difficult decision to send Anne on the Kindertransport out of Germany to find safe haven in England. This play is an adaptation of Anne Lehmann Fox's courageous autobiographical account of her experiences as a 12-year old on the Kindertransport leaving Germany in December 1938. We learn about the pain of families being separated, while trying to be hopeful in the face of unbearable loss.



### THIEL THIEL

Survivor of the Genocide in Sudan

Thiel Thiel, one of the original Lost Boys of Sudan, was separated from his family in North Sudan during the Genocide in 1983. After seeking refuge in Ethiopia, then in Egypt, Thiel was brought to America by Catholic Charities. Thiel was 19 years old when he arrived alone in Somerville NJ. He learned English while studying at Raritan Valley Community College in 1995. He earned a degree in parasitology from Rutgers University. Thiel married his childhood sweetheart, Rose. They have a son, Thomas.

In 2017, Thiel returned to South Sudan to open a Clinic and taught others how to treat various diseases. Thiel, Rose, and Thomas returned to the US in 2018 because there are warning signs of another Genocide in South Sudan. Resilient and courageous, Thiel plans to return to his medical clinic in South Sudan to help create a healthier and safer place for families in South Sudan.



From the left, Thiel Thiel with his wife, Rose, and friends from the Clinic in South Sudan.