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2010 U.S. CENSUS

MEAN TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

ENTER THE "I COUNT" POSTER CONTEST

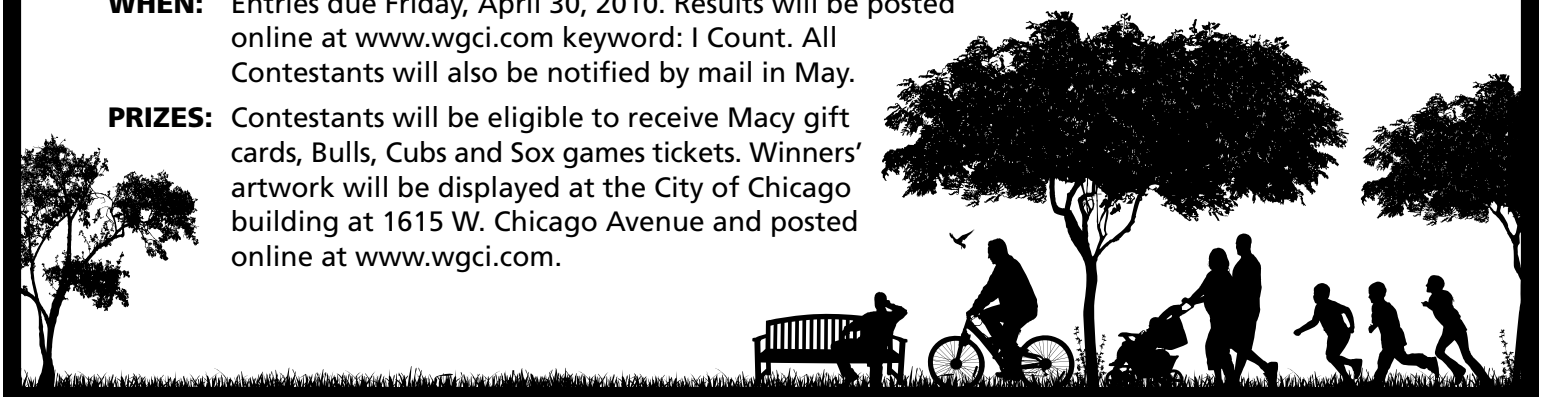
SPONSORED BY THE CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES!

WHAT: Design and submit a poster that shows what the 2010 Census means to you, your family and your community!

WHO: All students in Chicago, ages 3-18

WHEN: Entries due Friday, April 30, 2010. Results will be posted online at www.wgci.com keyword: I Count. All Contestants will also be notified by mail in May.

PRIZES: Contestants will be eligible to receive Macy gift cards, Bulls, Cubs and Sox games tickets. Winners' artwork will be displayed at the City of Chicago building at 1615 W. Chicago Avenue and posted online at www.wgci.com.



Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every resident in the United States.

The information collected helps Chicago communities receive federal funds for things like schools and parks.

Make a statement about what resources your community needs.
Encourage your family to mail your 2010 Census form today!

Individuals who need assistance with completing their Census forms can call 311.
For more information, please visit www.wgci.com keyword: I Count.

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Name _____ **School Name** _____

Mailing Address _____ **Phone number** _____

Age _____ **Grade** _____ **Parent Permission (signature)** _____

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Thank you very much for your participation in the "I Count" Youth Poster Contest! Our goal is to engage students to raise awareness for the importance of the 2010 Census, and its impact on families in communities across Chicago.

In order to be eligible for the "I Count" Poster Contest and prizes, the following guidelines must be met:

1. Contestants must be enrolled in school or early child education program (such as Head Start, Child Care or State Pre-Kindergarten) – in any grade Pre-Kindergarten – 12. Submissions will be organized and judged according to the following five groups: 1.) Pre-Kindergarten; 2.) Grades K – 3; 3.) Grades 4, 5; 4.) Grades 6-8 and 5.) Grades 9-12.

2. Contestants must include the entry form with their submission. The entry form is the "tear off" section of the informational flyer.

3. Posters must be submitted in one of two ways:

   Contestants can drop off their poster submission in the drop box located in the first-floor lobby of the City of Chicago building at 1615 W. Chicago Avenue. Entries must be dropped off no later than 5p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010. Entries received at the drop box after 5p.m. on April 30, 2010 will not be eligible.

   OR, contestants can choose to mail their poster submission to the following address: 1615 W. Chicago Avenue, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60622 Attn: Poster Contest. All mailed entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2010.

   Teachers can also mail/drop off posters in batches by classroom/group, as long as each submission includes an individual "tear off" entry form – inclusive of the parent/guardian signature.

4. Poster submissions must be at least 8.5 inches x 11 inches in size and no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches in size.

5. Any type or color of paper is allowed. Any color ink is allowed – either full- or partial-color, or black and white. Any medium is allowed – crayons, markers, pencils, paint, etc.

6. Only one poster entry per student is allowed.

7. Poster submissions must be designed and created solely by the contestant; parents and guardians are not allowed to assist with the creation of the poster.

8. Posters submissions must focus on a visual representation of how the 2010 Census will impact the lives of the students, and why it matters to them and their families.

9. Winners will be announced online at www.wgci.com keyword: I Count on May 14, 2010, and letters to all contestants will be mailed home in May.

Any and all entries/submissions shall become and shall remain the property of the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (Department). Submitted posters will not be returned to the contestants. The Department shall have exclusive rights to publish, use, distribute, reproduce and publicly display the winning posters.