

Child Abuse Prevention Month Blue Ribbon Poster Contest 2007

for children aged 18 and under

Two years ago, we lined the Prevent Child Abuse Virginia office walls with the wonderful stories and drawings from children across Virginia. The children were responding to the question: What makes a Blue Ribbon Family? Child Abuse

Prevention Month essay and poster contests have long been a part of observances across the state. This year, the Virginia Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention would again like to be a part of local observances and recognize school children throughout Virginia for caring about families.

The Blue Ribbon Essay/Poster Contest is open to any school class, religious or civic group or any home-school association in Virginia. We suggest that you hold a contest in your school, class or group, using our contest subjects, and send us the winning essay or poster. We will select the statewide winners from the essays that you submit. Some of the winners and their families will be recognized during Prevention Month 2008.

Posters or drawings must be on sheets of paper which are 11" x 17" or smaller. Copy the form on the back of this page and send it with the essay or poster to: Essay Contest, Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, 4901 Fitzhugh Avenue, Suite 200, Richmond, Virginia 23230. *Please submit essays before June 15, 2007.*

Contest Subjects

1

Why my family is a "blue ribbon" family.

2

Why my community is a "blue ribbon" community.

(Write about something or someone memorable or a special time that you have experienced with extended family, local groups, etc. For instance, you may write about a store owner who treated you kind when you were separated from one of your family members. Or you may write about someone you admire like your coach or teacher who shows you how to hit that ball or print your alphabet just right.

•••••**See other side for more information and an Entry Form**•••••

*Help us find children and families
who will be recognized in April 2008!*

BLUE RIBBON ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST 2007 ENTRY FORM

Teacher or Group Leader: _____

Name: _____

School name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Student/Writer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Age of student as of September 1, 2007: _____

Please ask the student's parent or guardian to read and sign this:

This essay/poster is _____'s own work and is a realistic description of our family. I understand that all or part of this essay/poster may be quoted or reprinted in Child Abuse Prevention Month literature and that our real names may be used. I agree that the essay/poster may be used in this way.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

**Mail with the essay to: Essay Contest, Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
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