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A Call for Entries: Human Services Announces 15th Annual Art Contest Celebrating Responsibilities of Parenthood

Deadline for entries is Friday, April 9, 2010

TRENTON – Celebrating its 15th year, the Department of Human Services' Division of Family Development will hold its annual Teen Media Contest to reinforce the Department's mission to instill an understanding of parental responsibility in teens. The statewide contest is open to all New Jersey middle and high school students.

This year's theme is: **Depict how your parent(s) help you define "home"**. Students' hand-drawn submissions should illustrate what home means to them. Examples are watching basketball with mom or cooking chili with dad.

"Since 1995, the NJ Department of Human Services has given teens a reason to think about their own parents to understand the emotional and financial commitment it takes to be a parent – and in this year's contest, what it takes to make a home." said Jeanette Page-Hawkins, director of the Division of Family Development. "But most importantly, this annual event brings young people's attention to the realities of teen parenting and how it would impact their futures."

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 9, 2010. Staff from the Division of Family Development and its Office of Child Support Services will judge the contest.

Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and certificates of achievement during a springtime awards ceremony. Winning submissions, along with additional student entries, will be featured in the annual child support calendar, which is distributed to all middle schools and high schools in New Jersey.

To register your school, or for more information on this contest, please contact Laura Febbi at 973-286-8282 or laura.febbi@winningstrat.com. Teachers will also be able to register online at www.NJTeenMedia.org.

For more information about child support services, call **1-877-NJKIDS1** or visit www.njchildsupport.org.

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