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STUDENT ARTISTS WANTED

Council Launches 2009 Child Abuse Prevention Campaign with Countywide Art Contest

(Modesto, CA) – It's an art contest that's drawing attention to the problem of child abuse in Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus County Child Abuse Prevention Council is seeking artwork entries from Stanislaus County students to help launch its sixth annual public awareness campaign in April.

The winning artwork will be featured in the council's "Through the Eyes of a Child" 2010 calendar and child abuse awareness materials. The contest is open to students from kindergarten to 12th grade. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries.

"April is Child Abuse Prevention Month," stated Jan Viss, Co-Chair of the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Assistant Director of the Community Services Agency. "Through the art contest and publication of a calendar displaying the art, we hope to make people aware of the problem and provide information on community resources."

The deadline for entries is February 20th, 2009. For more information about the art contest, contact the Child Abuse Prevention Council at 558-2514.