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Annual student recycling art entries due in January

MURPHY (November 3, 2016) The fourth annual edition of Murphy's recycling poster contest has already begun to generate a buzz among local students, each eager to see their creation prominently featured on the side of a recycling truck.

"That's a big part of the contest," says Candy McQuiston, chair of the Murphy Green Team and member of Keep Murphy Beautiful. "The winning artworks are visible virtually every day somewhere in Murphy. That kind of exposure is the ultimate in bragging rights!"

The contest requires school-aged contestants to create a poster with a mascot depicting "How Can I Make a Difference with Murphy Recycling." The contest has a January deadline.

Competition is divided into three grade-level categories: K-2nd; 3rd to 6th; and 7th through 10th. Students who reside in Murphy or who attend school in Murphy, including those who are home-schooled, attend private schools or attend alternate educational institutions are eligible.

Posters should be submitted on either standard sized sheet or 11 by 14-inch paper, poster or card stock. The poster, used in landscape orientation, should include the name of the mascot, and can be created using crayons, markers, water color or acrylic paints, color pencils, ink or other media. Digitally created posters are also acceptable.

Entries must have the artist's name, age, grade, address, and phone number clearly printed on the mandatory entry form. Entries without the form attached to the back of the artwork cannot be accepted. Each entrant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, and there is a limit of one entry per person.

The art and accompanying form must be turned in to Customer Service on the first floor of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, during regular business hours. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

The three grand prize winners will be announced at a reception during the City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Each of the three winners will choose among a \$300 Visa gift card; a Play Station 4; an iPad Mini; a \$300 American Girl gift card; or a \$300 Best Buy gift card.

Entry forms and more information can be obtained at the Customer Service desk at City Hall; by calling 974-468-4045; or by sending an email message to cmcquiston@murphytx.org.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.