



# “A TASTE OF SIERRA MADRE”

REGIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION DEADLINE: JULY 30th

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 11th, 2010 in

Kersting Court 9:30am – 4:30 pm

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

2010 Theme: CHILDREN’S SMILES AROUND THE WORLD

OPEN to all students who reside in Sierra Madre or attend one of the following schools: Alverno High School, Bethany Christian School, Gooden School, La Salle High School, St Rita School, Sierra Madre Middle School or Pasadena High School. **All students are encouraged to apply. All net proceeds equally support the Rotaplast Foundation for cleft palate surgery & fine arts programs at the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center.**

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### ENTRY RULES:

Based upon your interpretation of our 2010 Theme “Children’s Smiles Around the World”, prepare a written essay using MS Word on standard 8 ½ x 11 single page white paper, no more than 1,500 words in length ( for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades ) for our judges to critique. The lower division of 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders need only submit up to 1,000 words in length and follow the same criteria above. Your class year is determined by your place in school on Sept 11th, 2010. All essays will be on display after August 1<sup>st</sup> for viewing by professional writers and judges. Essays must be delivered to: Manuel Valencia , Essay Chair c/o **The Destination Group, 66 East Montecito Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024** by mail, or email to [smiles@dgrp.com](mailto:smiles@dgrp.com) or in person between 2pm – 5pm by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

All mailed entries must be postmarked or hand delivered no later than July 30th. Include your name, phone number, email address, name of school and teacher with your entry. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per submission and only **one** entry is allowed per student. Make all checks payable to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, a 501c3 non profit or include \$5.00 cash with your entry or \$20.00 if adding a T-Shirt reflecting our special community event.

The essay competition will be judged in the following at each grade level: A) 7th and 8th grades; B) 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th grades. Therefore all students are competing at the same grade level. For example, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will compete will all other 8th graders in town.

### SAVINGS BONDS AWARDS:

Each division will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winner and Honorable mention. All awards are supported by private donation. Essays will be archived and registered by a student number for judging purposes. All participants release their rights and grant permission to submit submissions into a publication for print or electronic means for the purpose of showcasing the best writers in our Sierra Madre community. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition. The winners will be awarded savings bonds prizes donated by the local Sierra Madre merchants, donors and friends after the final judging has been completed. All essay entries will be available for pick up within 10 days after judging. We will not be responsible for items unclaimed after September 21, 2010.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the volunteers to show my essay in any publication.  
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• This form is to be attached to the back side of your art work for identification purposes.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I want a T-Shirt for \$15.00 S - M - L - LX

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

For further information email: [smiles@dgrp.com](mailto:smiles@dgrp.com) or call (626) 355-3471 Tom Brady, Chairman  
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