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YorkCounts' challenge to student writers, artists: What makes York County One Great Community?

York, February 16, 2010 – We talk a lot about “quality of life” here at YorkCounts. But we admit it’s something of an imprecise phrase. Depending on who you ask, it could mean good jobs or inexpensive homes or quality schools. Or it could mean something else completely.

For our 2010 Community Summit, YorkCounts and PeoplesBank have teamed up to offer a challenge to school students across York County: Tell us, through an essay, in a work of art or in a video your answer to this question: What makes York County One Great Community?

Any York County student is eligible to participate. Entries will be divided into three categories: elementary school (up to grade 6), middle school (grades 7 and 8) and high school (grades 9-12). Essays should be 500 words or less. Videos should be no longer than five minutes. One winner will be chosen from each category, and each winner will receive a \$250 savings bond donated by PeoplesBank. Winners will be recognized during the summit, and entries may be posted on the YorkCounts Web site, www.yorkcounts.org.

Entries should include:

The name of the student

Grade and school of the student

Category

Student's home address, e-mail and phone number

Entries are due Friday, March 12, and should be mailed to:

YorkCounts Student Art Competition

105 Leader Heights Road, Suite 2

York, PA 17403

For video entries, send an e-mail with a link to the video.

Entries will not be sent back. They can be picked up after March 26 at the YorkCounts office on Leader Heights Road. If you have questions, contact Dan Fink at 650-1460 or send an e-mail to dfink@yorkcounts.org.

YorkCounts will hold its annual community summit March 26 at the Pullo Family Performing Arts Center on the campus of Penn State York. This year's summit will include the release of YorkCounts' annual report, and there will be presentations on the United Way's Stay in School Report and an update on the York Academy Regional Charter School, both of which grew out of YorkCounts recommendations.

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IF YOU GO

What: 2010 YorkCounts Community Summit

When: 9 a.m.-noon March 26

Where: Penn State York's Pullo Family Performing Arts Center

Details: YorkCounts presents its annual report and provides an update to the community on its work from the past year.

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is requested.

To register: Send an e-mail with your name and phone number to summit@yorkcounts.org or leave a message with your name and e-mail address on the YorkCounts summit registration line at 650-1450.

For details: Contact Dan Fink at dfink@yorkcounts.org or 650-1460.

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YorkCounts is a community-based coalition working to assess, sustain and enhance York County's quality of life – building alliances, introducing partners, spotlighting issues and facilitating conversations on education, economic development, health and safety and diversity. Partners include Better York, the United Way of York County, WellSpan Health, York College of Pennsylvania, the York County Chamber of Commerce, the York County Commissioners, the York County Community Foundation and the York County Economic Development Corp. Learn more at yorkcounts.org.

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