



## 2010 National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week Nominate an “Adult Hero in OUR Community”

### Guidelines:

Contest is open to elementary and middle school students.

Use **nomination form** to nominate someone over 18 years of age.

Nominee must have had a positive, *personal* influence in the student’s life according to one or more of the Six Pillars of Character.

**No attachments** to the one-page entry form will be accepted and submissions cannot exceed the 250 word maximum.

Double spaced, typed entries in at least a 11-point font are preferred.

Entries will be blind, with the name on one side of the nomination form and the nomination/essay on the other side of the form.

Entries are due Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> by 4 p.m. to **the Community Services Division, 1 Wells Avenue, across the parking lot from City Hall, which is at 31 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877** (The CS office is in the Wells/Robertson House facility, a Victorian home surrounded by a picket fence).

Principals and teachers will be notified via fax and email of their student Winners and Honorable Mentions by Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Winners will be **invited to the November 1, 2010** Mayor and City Council Meeting (Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 S. Summit Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877) to read their essays and have excerpts of their essays published in The Gazette Newspapers and posted on the City’s website.

Both the Winner and Honorable Mention will be invited to the National CC! Week Award Ceremony and have their entries displayed at LakeForest Shopping Center until the end of October 2010.

### Screening/Judging:

Gaithersburg Rotary Club will screen all entries.

City’s Educational Enrichment Committee will judge finalists.

### Awards Ceremony:

**For the principals, teachers, winning and honorable mention students, their families, and nominees** there will be an awards ceremony on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Casey Community Center, 810 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD. 20877. **The FIVE Adult Heroes Winners (from Elementary School and Middle School) will be asked to read** their entries, and will receive their **\$100 cash prize** (One-fourth of cash prize must be designated to a charity of choice), *a framed*, printed copy of their entry, and a Certificate of Recognition.

The **FIVE Adult Heroes** Honorable Mentions (from Elementary School and Middle School) will receive a foldered, printed copy of their nomination, a Certificate of Recognition, **and a \$25 cash prize.** (One-fourth of the prize must be designated to a charity of choice.)

The **TEN** nominated Heroes will receive a printed copy of the essay (desk-topped).

**Entry Form for the City of Gaithersburg  
2010 National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week**

**“ADULT HERO IN OUR COMMUNITY” CONTEST**

**Co-sponsored by the City of Gaithersburg and the Gaithersburg Rotary Club**

*This essay contest is to provide elementary and middle school students the opportunity to reflect upon and write about a value or ethic they have seen and admired in someone else*

**Contest Theme:** *“Adult Hero in Our Community”*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Principal’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

Your school \_\_\_\_\_ School phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Your grade level \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsoring teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**You must use the other side of this form to enter. Duplicate this form if necessary.**

**DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM! TYPE or PRINT your entry on the other side of this form. If submitting a typed essay, please double space and use a minimum of a11 point font. All entries must not exceed the 250 word maximum.**