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“Children Helping Children” Poster Contest Winner Announced

(Moorestown, NJ) Malaika Mahmood, a third-grader at Larchmont Elementary School in Mount Laurel has been awarded first prize in The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA children’s poster contest. The contest was held in recognition of Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week during May, 2009.

Entrants from throughout South Jersey were asked to create an original poster based on the theme “Children Helping Children-Respecting Differences in How Children Think, Feel and Act.” Each of the contest entries demonstrated ways to be respectful and understanding of other children’s unique way of expressing their feelings.

The entries were judged by the staff of The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA. The Community Counseling Center awarded a United States Savings Bond valued at \$100 to 1st place winner Malaika, and her winning poster will be displayed in the Counseling Center’s children’s treatment room.

The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA is a licensed outpatient mental health provider offering confidential and supportive counseling services focusing on the behavioral, emotional, social and mental health of children, youth and families.

Children’s mental health matters. Parents and family members are usually the first to notice if a child has problems with emotions or behavior. Parental observations, along with those of teachers, neighbors, siblings or friends, may lead families to seek help for their child. During October, The Community Counseling Center will offer free screenings to help recognize and evaluate teens with symptoms of depression or other mental health issues.

Marking its 105th anniversary in 2009, Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association is a non-profit organization that provides homecare, hospice, outpatient counseling and community wellness services to families in Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties. To learn more, call (856) 552-1300, e-mail: services@moorestownvna.org, or visit www.moorestownvna.org.



Third grader Malaika Mahmood of Mt. Laurel displays her winning artwork in the “Children Helping Children-Respecting Differences in How Children, Think, Act and Feel” poster contest. She received a \$100 U.S. Savings bond from The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA in recognition of her effort.