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Children's Artwork to Be Featured in 2012 Dallas Water Conservation Calendar *1500 Children Participated in Calendar Art Contest*

(Dallas, Texas) Thirteen Dallas area youngsters have been named winners in a summer art contest sponsored by City of Dallas Water Conservation. The children's drawings promote water conservation and will be featured in a 2012 calendar.

Over 1500 children from 35 Dallas area youth organizations and recreation centers participated in the contest. Organizations included Girl's Inc., Central Dallas Ministries, East Dallas Boys and Girls Club and numerous recreation centers.

"We are very pleased that so many youngsters took part in this water conservation contest," said Jody Puckett, the director of City of Dallas Water Utilities. "There were so many creative drawings but unfortunately only 13 could be chosen for the 2012 calendar," Puckett added.

The thirteen winning drawings include one for the calendar cover and one for each month. Miss Jade Duncan, an 8th grade student and participant in the Kiest Park Recreation Center summer program, is the cover art winner.

The 2012 calendar will be sold at regional water industry conferences throughout 2011. All proceeds will go to *Water for People*, a non-profit organization assisting developing nations to provide sustainable drinking water.

Judges for the contest included Veletta Lill, Executive Director, Dallas Arts District; Gail Sachson, Vice Chair, Dallas Cultural Affairs Commission; and Pete Delkus, Chief Meteorologist, WFAA-TV Channel 8.

About Green Dallas and Dallas Water Utilities (DWU)

The City of Dallas' Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. Water conservation is a key component of Dallas' environmental focus. The Water Conservation Division of DWU strives to extend the life of existing water supplies, reduce water waste and per capita consumption. The *Save Dallas Water* campaign was created to raise awareness about water conservation by providing residents with facts and information to encourage conservation at all levels of our community.

To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net, and find out more information on DWU Conservation programs by visiting www.SaveDallasWater.com.

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