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GLACVCD and Educational Foundation Announce Winner of Third Annual “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!” Student Poster Contest

Los Angeles - The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) named Jennifer Castro the grand prize winner of their third annual “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!” Student Poster Contest. Fifth grade student Jennifer Castro from Toluca Lake Elementary School won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a pizza party for her class. Additionally, Castro’s artwork will be featured on approximately 50 Los Angeles County Metro buses this summer as part of GLACVCD’s mosquito awareness campaign.

Castro’s artwork depicts a mosquito biting a person’s arm. “I want people to know that they should be careful when they’re outside,” said Castro. “I don’t want people to be bit by mosquitoes.” Castro lives with her parents and two older siblings. Her favorite subject is math, and she enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball, and playing outside. She is looking forward to the pizza party, and shared that her favorite pizza is Hawaiian style.

Fourth through sixth grade students living in the Greater Los Angeles County area were encouraged to share their artistic ability by creating posters reflecting the theme “*Mosquito Control Matters*.” Posters could be created using paint, colored pencils, crayons, or charcoal. The posters were judged on creativity, reflection of the theme, and accurate spelling. GLACVCD and the Foundation use the poster contest as an outreach tool to teach children about vector control and disease prevention in an engaging and meaningful way.

For photos of the artwork and/or poster contest winner, or for more information about the poster contest and education program, please call Public Information Officer Crystal Brown at **(562) 944-9656 x511** or visit **www.glacvcd.org**.

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The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in March 2001 by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to further advance its existing educational program and community outreach efforts. The Foundation seeks to empower the diverse youth population of Greater Los Angeles County to be proactive and informed members of their communities. The Foundation provides free, hands-on science education to elementary schools.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District is an independent, special district dedicated to promoting community health, comfort, and welfare through effective and responsive vector control. GLACVCD is one of five mosquito and vector control districts in Los Angeles County. The District serves approximately 6 million residents in a 1,330 square mile area, making GLACVCD the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County.

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