October 9th, 2009

Dear Friends,

To celebrate the diversity of Houston, Boat People SOS (BPSOS) is proud to partner with Mayor Bill White in the city of Houston's First Annual Citizenship Week during the week of November 16-20, 2009. In our efforts to highlight the importance of civic engagement, we will be hosting "A Time to Write" story contest that will be open to all students in grades 4-12 in the Greater Houston area. The purpose of their stories will be to reflect on each student's view on diversity and what it means to be a citizen of the city. Likewise, the contest will provide students with an opportunity to share their story and for the city to celebrate its diversity and citizenship through the writings of its students and future leaders.

All participants and their families, as well as community members, will be invited to a celebration where we will announce the contest's winners, share their stories, and hand out prizes. The ceremony will take place in Southwest Houston on Friday, November 20, 2009 from 7-9 PM.

In order to ensure "A Time to Write" story contest's success, we need your participation and support. Please join BPSOS and the city of Houston in celebrating diversity and the hard work of our citizens by becoming a sponsor or making a donation.

Enclosed is a sponsorship form. If you have any questions regarding the event or would like more information, please feel free to visit our website at www.bpsos.org. You may also contact our outreach coordinators at 281-530-6888 or via email.

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Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Warmest regards,

BPSOS staff

A Time to Write – Story Contest Sponsorship and Donation Form

I would like to sponsor the contest and/or Award Ceremony and I would like contribute to the following items:						
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Boat People SOS ATTN: Trish Nguyen – Story Contest 11360 Bellaire Blvd., Suite 910 Houston, TX 77072						
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