



February 1, 2004

Dear Community Organization,

As part of a multi-project effort to promote quality childcare in Pike County, the Child Care Local Planning Committee, Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA and United Way of Pike County, are once again sponsoring a one-day fair to celebrate quality education, healthy families and a strong community. Your organization is invited to participate in this celebration as an exhibitor and educator.

On Sunday, May 2, 2004, from 11 AM to 4 PM, with a rain date of May 9th, the Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA campus will be utilized for the 2nd Annual Pike County Family Community Fair and Healthy Kids Day event. There will be educational and promotional exhibits from child care providers, non-profit organizations, county agencies, family friendly businesses, and more. There will be crafters, demonstrations, and entertainment, all at only a \$5.00 car load entrance fee.

Your organization is invited to exhibit at no cost. The focus of the day is participation; in this spirit we ask that you have an educational or fun activity at your table to encourage family participation. This could be a make & take craft, game of chance or hands on project such as mask making, solving a puzzle, placemats, playdoh fun or ring toss. We want visitors to walk away having learned something or having had a new experience. As a community organization, we hope you will utilize this opportunity to promote your mission and the services you offer. Tables will be available on a first-come first-serve basis if needed at a fee of \$5 per table. As the date gets closer, we will send you promotional flyers that you can distribute as you see fit.

To ensure families visit as many exhibits as possible, a "Passport to Your Pike County Community" activity is planned where children will receive a "passport" to be stamped indicating that they have visited your booth. The completed passport will be brought to the information booth for a prize giveaway. Please have a rubber stamp of your choice & stamp pad at your table to stamp these passports. If you wish you are invited to have a door prize at your booth in order to gather information for a mailing list.

Six hundred participants attended last year's successful event and we look forward to as many participants this year. We will be promoting this event through flyers, newspaper advertising, posters, banners and more. If you have a way to promote this event, please let us know.

Please return the attached registration form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Casella at Childcare Information Services of Pike County at 570-296-3447, Heidi Chobot at Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA at 570-828-2329 or TerriAnne Caraluzzo at United Way of Pike County at 570-296-9980. Please share this information with other organizations that support quality education, healthy families and a strong community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Pike County Family Community Fair Committee