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PORT FREEPORT ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 25TH ANNUAL TAKE-A-CHILD FISHING TOURNAMENT LOGO DRAWING CONTEST

FREEPORT, TX (March 11, 2025)—As Port Freeport celebrates its centennial year, the 25th Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament (TACFT) holds special significance for the community. Port Freeport is excited to announce the winners of this year's logo drawing contest.

First place was awarded to Luz Juarez, a West Brazos Junior High School student, who received a \$150 Visa gift card and a framed print of her winning design. Second place went to Cora Albarran from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, who received a \$75 Visa gift card and a framed print of her artwork. Anthony Salazar, also from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School, took third place and received a \$50 Visa gift card and a framed print of his drawing.

“This year is special for Port Freeport as we celebrate 100 years of maritime service and community engagement,” said Ravi Singhanian, Chairman of the Port Freeport Commission. “The Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament has been a cherished community event for 25 years, creating lasting memories for families. We congratulate the winners and thank all the participants, teachers, and families for supporting this widely attended event.”

The contest is open to youth aged 3 to 14 and in Pre-K through 8th grade within the Port’s Navigation District. Each year, participants showcase their creativity, and the winning design is featured on various event materials, including flyers, posters, advertisements, and T-shirts.

In recognition of their efforts, the top 15 finalists will each be awarded gift cards to local restaurants. Additionally, the Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County submitted the highest number of entries, and its art coordinator will be awarded a gift card to purchase art supplies, recognizing their commitment to encouraging student participation. This year, the contest received over 350

entries from students throughout the Port Navigation District.

“As we celebrate this milestone year for Port Freeport, we continue to be inspired by the creativity and talent of the students who participate in this contest,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director and CEO of Port Freeport. “This event not only showcases their artistic abilities but also promotes a sense of community spirit and engagement. We look forward to celebrating another successful Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament with families throughout the district.”

The 25th Annual Take-A-Child Fishing Tournament will occur on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8 a.m. to noon at Freeport Municipal Park. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this cherished community event. For more information on becoming a sponsor, please visit our website at <https://www.portfreeport.com/freeport-community>, check out the Port Freeport Facebook page, or call (979) 233-2667.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranks nationally as 6th in chemicals, 14th in total foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Linde, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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PHOTO CUTLINE 1: Amanda Veliz, Public Affairs Manager with Port Freeport, presents to logo drawing contest winner Luz Juarez, student at West Brazos Junior High School.



PHOTO CUTLINE 2: Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Amanda Veliz presents to 2nd place winner Cora Albarran, a student at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School.



PHOTO CUTLINE 3: Port Freeport Public Affairs Manager Amanda Veliz presents to 3rd place winner Anthony Salazar, also from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School.