

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in having a COUNT ME IN[®] Elementary puppet presentation at your school. **Enclosed is a request form that must be returned to PACER before we can schedule a program. Please include information on where to park and enter the building.**

<u>COUNT ME IN</u> is a project of PACER, a national training and information center for families of children and youth with special health needs and all disabilities. The COUNT ME IN show features charming, multicultural child-size puppets with disabilities brought to life by trained volunteers. Through entertaining skits and audience interaction, the puppets help to dispel fears, myths and misconceptions about people with disabilities and promote a message of inclusion.

<u>Audience:</u> The COUNT ME IN Elementary show is appropriate for students in first through fourth grades. The hour-long show features four scripts: blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, and Down syndrome. (ADHD or autism may also be options.) To allow students to interact with the puppets, audience size should not exceed 100 students for grades 2-4 or 80 first graders. (For children ages 4-6, a shorter version of the show is also available.)

<u>Cost and Scheduling:</u> The cost is \$100 per presentation. Up to three presentations can be scheduled in a day with a one-hour break. Request forms are filed by month requested; then the school is contacted 4-6 weeks in advance to confirm date, time and number of shows. A written confirmation is mailed 2-3 weeks prior to the show date.

<u>Site:</u> The site for the COUNT ME IN presentation can be a quiet gymnasium, media center or classroom large enough to accommodate the students seated on the floor. We must have access to the room 30 minutes in advance to set up our equipment. Please provide chairs for 3 puppeteers and all adults viewing the show.

Evaluation and Follow-Up: Adults attending the presentation will be asked to complete an evaluation form to help us refine the program and better meet student needs. Students receive a letter of explanation to take home to their families. Each teacher will also be given additional materials for classroom use, including a sign language alphabet, a Braille alphabet, and a copy of the COUNT ME IN song.

If you would like further information, please email us at <u>puppets@pacer.org</u> or contact PACER Center at (952) 838-9000 and ask for COUNT ME IN. Thank you for encouraging disability awareness in your community!

COUNT ME IN[®] PUPPET SHOW ON DISABILITY AWARENESS Metro Area Elementary Grades 1-4 Request for Presentation Twin Cities Area of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota

SCHOOL:	DISTRICT:			
ADDRESS:		<u></u>		
CONTACT PERSON:	TITLE:			
MAIN OFFICE PHONE:	CONTACT PHONE:			
FAX:	EMAIL:			
PERFORMANCES: 1) Maximum of 100 students each show (80 each show for 1 st grade) 2) Maximum of three (3) shows can be presented in one day.				
COST: \$100.00 for one show	W. SEND BIL	L TO:		
Total number of shows For each show, please list grade level, number of students and number of adult				
requested	Shows	Grade level	Number of students	Number of adults
	a			
	b c			
Site/room in school for show: LOCATION FOR PARKIN BEST PLACE TO UNLOA Month preferred:	IG: D EQUIPMENT: _	DOO		
Weekdays/times are that are p	oreferred?			
What time does your school begin? Lunchtime(s) School Ends?				School Ends?
Reason for requesting this pro	ogram			
ADDITIONAL INFORMA	ΓΙΟΝ:			
Informational letters in Englis Please check if you would als				
Hmong	Somali	Spani	ish	
PLEASE RETURN TO:PACER Center, Inc. COUNT ME IN®, 8161 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044; Phone 952-838-9000; Fax: 952 -838-0199 www.pacer.orgwww.pacer.orgpuppets@pacer.org				