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100% for 100,000 in Geauga!

How many people reside in Geauga County? That's the million dollar question to be answered when the census count is taken this April. Geauga County Auditor Frank Gliha has researched the county's population and data shows that the population was over 100,000 people in 2009. The "Complete Count Census Committee" in Geauga County is working to make sure that everyone is counted and that the official Census number is correct. "No Geaugan uncounted!" is the committee's goal.

Surpassing the 100,000 resident number widens the opportunities available to Geauga County to apply for and receive Federal and State funds, thus returning Geauga taxpayers money to them locally. One example can be found in the Federal stimulus funding which gives greater bonding ability to counties with populations over 100,000. Estimates of tax money to be generated by the recently approved Issue 3 (casino gambling) anticipate \$2,751,918 going to Geauga County and \$6,758,734 going to Lake County.

The census is completely confidential and the data gathered is used for many purposes, including the number of state and federal elected officials allocated to each area of the state, grant opportunities that are available, and allocation of per capita based funding. The Geauga County Complete Count Committee, chaired by Auditor Gliha includes County Treasurer Chris Hitchcock, County Commissioner Bill Young, County Sheriff Dan McClelland, and Geauga County Library Director Deborah O'Connor.

It is certainly in the best interest of everyone in Geauga County that we have a complete and accurate count in the 2010 Census. Those who are not counted will not be included in the census until it is administered again 2020 – ten years from now. For more information on the census, the importance of the complete county, and how to assist in making sure all 100,000 plus residents are counted, contact Auditor Gliha at 440-285-2222, 564-7131, or 834-1856 or by e-mail at auditor@co.geauga.oh.us.

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