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### **“CELEBRATE THE FAMILY” CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The Chino Hills California Healthy Cities and Communities Steering Committee coordinated the City’s 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Celebrate the Family” Poster and Essay Writing Contest. The contest began in 1998 to celebrate the importance of family and reinforce the benefits of family values during National Family Week. Contestants submitted 745 “Celebrate the Family” artwork and essay entries using the theme - “What Makes My Family Strong.” The contest is open to kids in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade who live or attend school in Chino Hills.

The business community, service organizations, and individuals made generous monetary donations that totaled nearly \$4,000. First place winners were awarded a family four-pack of tickets to Disneyland. Second place winners received a \$100 gift card to Toys “R” Us or the Shoppes; and third place winners received a \$50 gift card to Toys “R” Us or the Shoppes. In addition, all 745 participants received a Certificate of Participation.

Celebrate the Family judges faced the most difficult decision in the poster contest category. Loving Savior Elementary School submitted 232 entries which resulted in their school being recognized for submitting the most entries in the contest. As a result, all of the participants from Loving Savior Elementary School will be entered into raffle for a chance to win two bicycles donated by the Healthy Cities Steering Committee Members. The bike winners will be selected and announced at a school assembly.

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Loving Savior of the Hills Lutheran School had the highest participation in the Kindergarten category with 41 entries; and in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade category with 70 entries. Rolling Ridge Elementary School had the highest participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade category with 70 entries; and in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade category with 112 entries. Canyon Hills Junior High School had the highest number of entries in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade categories with 98 entries.

Loving Savior of the Hills Principal Valorie Wend, and Rolling Ridge Principal Lea Fellows accepted plaques in honor of their respective school's high level of participation.

The judges included Mayor Peter Rogers; Healthy Cities Steering Committee members including Council Member Cynthia Moran, Chino Valley Fire District Director Brian Johsz, Jenny Mott, Abraham Hovsepian, and Chino Valley Lions Club representative David Stilwell; Public Works Commissioner Mike Kreeger; Planning Commissioner Karen Bristow; Parks and Recreation Commissioners Greg Higgins and Robert Gannon; Chino Hills Police Department Captain Robert Guillen; Chino Valley Independent Fire District Deputy Chief Tim Shackelford; Chino Valley Unified School District Representative Janet Roberts; contest sponsor Audry Young representing Chick-Fil-A; and from the City of Chino Hills, City Clerk Mary McDuffee, Public Information Officer Denise Cattern, and Recreation Supervisor Kim Albarian.

**Celebrate the Family Contest Winners:**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Kindergarten	Ryan Lin Oak Ridge	William Li Eagle Canyon	Alexis Tran Rolling Ridge
Grades 1 – 2	Isabella Sanchez Oak Ridge	Ian Revilla Eagle Canyon	Priyana Jhaveri Rolling Ridge
Grades 3 – 4	Lauren Liah Jackson Rolling Ridge	Tiffany Chen Butterfield Ranch	Priyasha Panigrahi Country Springs
Grades 5 – 6	Camren Kunishima Wickman	Victoria Sanchez Chaparral	Joshua Chou Rolling Ridge
Grades 7 – 8	Madi Slezak Loving Savior	Bianca M. Gutierrez Canyon Hills	Tiffany Nakla Loving Savior

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Celebrate the Family Poster and Essay Contest winners were honored at a recent City Council meeting. Front row, left to right: Isabella Sanchez, 1<sup>st</sup> place (Grades 1 & 2); Ian Revilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Grades 1 & 2); Alexis Tran, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Kindergarten); William Li, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Kindergarten); Ryan Lin, 1<sup>st</sup> place (Kindergarten); Second row, left to right: Tiffany Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Grades 3 & 4); Priyana Jhaveri, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Grades 1 & 2); Lauren Liah Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> place (Grades 3 & 4); Priyasha Panigrahi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Grades 3 & 4), Victoria Sanchez, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Grades 5 & 6); Back row, left to right: Bianca M. Gutierrez, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Grades 7 & 8); Tiffany Nakla, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Grades 7 & 8); Madi Slezak, 1<sup>st</sup> place (Grades 7 & 8); Camren Kunishima, 1<sup>st</sup> place (Grades 5 & 6); Joshua Chou, 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Grades 5 & 6).