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“CELEBRATE THE FAMILY” CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Chino Hills California Healthy Cities and Communities Steering Committee coordinated the City’s 17th 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 562 “Celebrate the Family” artwork and essay entries using the theme - “What Makes My Family Strong.” The contest is open to kids in kindergarten through 8th 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 the Shoppes; and third place winners received a \$50 gift card to the Shoppes. Various gifts donated by local businesses were also distributed among the winners.

All 526 participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Celebrate the Family judges faced the most difficult decision in the poster contest category. Loving Savior Elementary School submitted 257 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 a bicycle donated by the Healthy Cities Steering Committee Members. The bike winner 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 47 entries; and in the 1st & 2nd grade category with 70 entries; the 3rd & 4th grade category with 55 entries; and in the 7th & 8th grade category with 39 entries. Hidden Trails Elementary had the highest number of entries in the 4th and 5th grade categories with 79 entries.

Loving Savior of the Hills Principal, Valorie Wend, and Hidden Trails Vice Principal, Amber Chadwick, accepted plaques in honor of their respective school’s high level of participation.

The judges included Mayor Ed Graham; Council Member Ray Marquez; Healthy Cities Steering Committee members including Vice Mayor Cynthia Moran, Chino Valley Fire District Director Brian Johsz, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob Gannon, and Abraham Hovsepian; Chino Valley Unified School District Board President James Na, resident Bobbi Griffith; Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellow Shilpa Thakar; and Ben Montgomery, Assistant to the City Manager.

Celebrate the Family Contest Winners:

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Kindergarten	Arami Tam Butterfield Ranch	Christie Shaw Loving Savior	Claire Chen Rolling Ridge
Grades 1 – 2	Kraig Austriaco Country Springs	Kira Liu Eagle Canyon	Reese Chen Rolling Ridge
Grades 3 – 4	Noah Harris Rolling Ridge	Hayne Lee Rolling Ridge	Priyani Jhaveri Rolling Ridge
Grades 5 – 6	Joseph Lee Hidden Trails	Alexis Hollingdrake Chaparral	Adam Mata Loving Savior
Grades 7 – 8	Isabel Castillo Townsend	Ava Garcia Loving Savior	Sara Driscoll 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: Kira Liu, 2nd place (Grades 1 & 2); Kraig Austriaco, 1st Place (Grades 1 & 2); Reese Chen, 3rd Place (Grades 1 & 2); Arami Tam, 1st Place (Kindergarten); and Christie Shaw, 2nd Place (Kindergarten); Middle row, left to right: Noah Harris, 1st Place (Grades 3 & 4); Hayne Lee, 2nd Place (Grades 3 & 4); Priyani Jhaveri, 3rd Place (Grades 3 & 4); and Claire Chen, 3rd Place (Kindergarten); Back row, left to right: Alexis Hollingdrake, 2nd Place (Grades 5 & 6); Isabel Castillo, 1st Place (Grades 7 & 8); Adam Mata, 3rd Place (Grades 5 & 6); Sara Driscoll, 3rd Place (Grades 7 & 8); and Ava Garcia, 2nd Place (Grades 7 & 8). Not pictured: Joseph Lee, 1st Place (Grades 5 & 6).