

# CITY OF CHINO HILLS

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

The Chino Hills Healthy Cities and Communities Steering Committee coordinated the City’s 18<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. The contest is open to kids in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade who live or attend school in Chino Hills. Contestants submitted 1112 entries this year, doubling the number of entries submitted in 2014. The artwork and essay entries reflected the theme “What Makes My Family Strong.”

Service organizations, businesses, and individuals made generous monetary donations to contribute toward the prize package that totaled over \$4,300. First place winners were awarded a family four-pack of tickets to Disneyland. Second place winners received a \$100 gift card to the Shoppes at Chino Hills. Third place winners received a \$50 gift card to the Shoppes at Chino Hills. Winners also received a prize package from various donations, and a yearly youth membership to the West End YMCA in Chino, generously donated by the YMCA. All 1112 participants will receive a certificate of participation.

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Loving Savior of the Hills Lutheran School submitted a total of 282 entries which resulted in their school being recognized for having the most entries in the contest. The school also had the highest participation in the Kindergarten category with 36 entries; in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade category with 82 entries; and in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 50 entries. Chapparral had the highest participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade category with 72 entries; and Rolling Ridge Elementary School was recognized for having 133 entries in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade category.

The judges included Council Member Ray Marquez; Robert Gannon from the Parks and Recreation Commission; Abraham Hovsepian, Laura Montague, and Al Matta from the Healthy Hills Steering Committee; and Lieutenant Dave Phelps and Sergeant Garth Goodell from the Chino Hills Police Department.

**Celebrate the Family Contest Winners:**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Kindergarten	Emma Shiozaki Wickman	Ace Rey Santos Hidden Trails	Cara Reimer Eagle Canyon
Grades 1 – 2	Sarayu Medasani Eagle Canyon	Arami Tam Butterfield Ranch	Ryan Lin Oak Ridge
Grades 3 – 4	Priyana Jhaveri Rolling Ridge	Sean Hua Hidden Trails	Zoya Hsien Country Springs
Grades 5 – 6	Clemens Steiner Rolling Ridge	John Maloney Hidden Trails	Rick Sabien Linky Loving Savior of the Hills
Grades 7 – 8	Lindsey Barrera Townsend	Raegan Enda Townsend	Christopher Jones Loving Savior of the Hills

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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: Emma Shiozaki (1<sup>st</sup> place, kindergarten), Ace Rey Santos (2<sup>nd</sup> place, kindergarten), Cara Reimer (3<sup>rd</sup> place, kindergarten), Sarayu Medasani (1<sup>st</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Arami Tam (2<sup>nd</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Ryan Lin (3<sup>rd</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade);  
 Middle row, left to right: Priyana Jhaveri (1<sup>st</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade), Sean Hua (2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade), Zoya Hsien (3<sup>rd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade), Clemens Steiner (1<sup>st</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), John Maloney (2<sup>nd</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), Rick Sabien Linky (3<sup>rd</sup> place, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade);  
 Top row, left to right: Lindsey Barrera (1<sup>st</sup> place, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), Raegan Enda (2<sup>nd</sup> place, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), Christopher Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> place, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade).