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## **CHARTS HOSTS “MEET THE ARTISTS” RECEPTION – JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Chino Hills, CA – The Art Committee of the Chino Hills Community Foundation, known as chARTS, has partnered with the City of Chino Hills to display the work of local artists in the lobby of the Chino Hills Community Center, located at 14250 Peyton Drive. The work of local artists is now on display at the Community Center. There will be a “Meet the Artists” reception on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The featured artist this quarter is Chino Hills resident, Marilee Poirier. She first discovered her passion and talent for drawing during her early childhood in the Philippines. She moved with her family to the United States in 1982 where she began sketching realistic portraits of her family and friends. Marilee is a self-taught artist who specializes in portraits, landscapes, and illustrations. She works with several traditional drawing mediums, such as charcoal, colored pencils, and watercolor, as well as digital technology to create digital paintings and illustrations. Marilee is a wife and mother who finds personal fulfillment in being an artist. Her greatest inspirations are her family and God.

New permanent artwork at the Community Center will also be featured at the January 14<sup>th</sup> reception. The artwork was purchased through a \$10,000 donation from the County of San Bernardino during the tenure of former San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt. The newly-installed pieces include three custom eight-foot murals painted by local artist Enrique Vidal; canvas prints of photos taken by professional photographer, Council Member Peter Rogers; historical photos of the Chino Rancho Ride; and “before” and “after” aerial photographs of locations in the City. In addition, a beautiful Oak tree painting, by Laguna Beach artist Carolyn Reynolds, has been relocated to the Community Center lobby from the reading room in the Library.

Muralist Enrique Vidal will be in attendance at the Artists Reception. He is a traditional oil painter. As a student of Art Center College of design, and L.A. Trade Tech, Enrique commenced his painting career as a billboard artist in the City of Los Angeles in 1976. Enrique painted for Foster & Kleiser (now Clear Channel), one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the United States where he worked for 20 years.

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He spent another 17 years painting murals in an art studio in Chino, specializing in murals and fine art primarily for museums, hotels, theme parks, zoos, casinos, and restaurants internationally. Enrique was given the opportunity to learn to paint in oil the classical way, under Mario Rueda, one of the finest billboard artists in the nation and most likely the world. Rueda is a legend in the outdoor billboard industry and is considered to be one of the most accurate and talented artists and teachers.

Some of his favorite work can be viewed at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida; Disney's California Adventures in the City of Anaheim; as well as Universal Studios in Osaka, Japan; and at the Los Angeles Zoo in the Lair reptile exhibit. His work is also displayed at several resorts and casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ChARTS is led by local artists and art lovers who represent a wide range of expertise in fine arts, graphic design, music, creative writing, theater, and more. They encourage the creation, enjoyment, and enrichment of the arts in Chino Hills. The Chino Hills Community Center serves as a home base for chARTS. They curate the rotating display of local artwork at the venue. For more information about chARTS, please call (909) 364-2736.

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