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CELEBRATE THE FAMILY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Chino Hills, CA – The Chino Hills Healthy Hills Steering Committee coordinated the City's 20th 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 12th grade who live or attend school in Chino Hills. Contestants submitted 740 entries this year. The artwork and essay entries reflected the theme "The Hero in My Family is..."

Generous donations made by service organizations, businesses, and individuals provided prize packages for the contest winners that had a total valued over \$4,000. First place winners were awarded a family four-pack of tickets to Disneyland. Second place winners received a \$150 gift card to the Shoppes at Chino Hills. Third place winners received a \$100 gift card to the Shoppes at Chino Hills. Winners also received a prize package from the various donations received.

Loving Savior of the Hills Lutheran School was recognized for submitting the most entries with a total of 227. Principal Valorie Wend was awarded a plaque. The school also had the highest participation in the Kindergarten category with 39 entries; in the 1st and 2nd grade category with 54 entries; and in the 7th and 8th grade with 31 entries. Principal Paula Thomas accepted a plaque on behalf of Rolling Ridge Elementary School, recognized for the highest participation in the 3rd and 4th grade category with 94 entries; and in the 5th and 6th grade category with 104 entries. Mrs. Bearden, a fourth grade teacher at Rolling Ridge Elementary School, was awarded a \$100 gift card to Staples for having 100% classroom participation.

Healthy Hills Steering Committee Members Al Matta; Kurt Allen, Kiwanis Club of Chino Hills; Bob Goodwin, Public Works Commissioner; and Robert Gannon, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, served as judges along with Community Services staff members.

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2017 Celebrate the Family Contest Winners:

Kinder- garten	1 st Place MacRay Sung Rolling Ridge	2 nd Place Parthvi Naswa Eagle Canyon	3 rd Place Arden Hu Pantera
1 st – 2 nd Grade	Emma Shiozaki Wickman	Iris Zhang Butterfield	Nirati Pendekanti Evergreen
3 rd – 4 th Grade	Kiana Ho Hidden Trails	Natalia Zeissig Butterfield	Jonah Bondoc Country Springs
5 th – 6 th Grade	Adam Saeed Wickman	Reese Chen Rolling Ridge	Brady Smith Rolling Ridge
7 th – 8 th Grade	Devin Pimentel Loving Savior of the Hills	William Zhang Loving Savior of the Hills	Rocco Gomez Loving Savior of the Hills
High School	Sophie Yang Ayala High School		



Celebrate the Family Contest winners were honored at the November 14 City Council meeting. Front row, left to right: Front Row L-R: Kiana Ho, Natalia Zeissig, Jonah Bondoc, Emma Shiozaki, Nirati Pendekanti, MacRay Sung, Parthvi Naswa, Arden Hu, and Iris Zhang. Back Row L-R: Sophie Yang, Devin Pimentel, William Zhang, Rocco Gomez, Adam Saeed, Reese Chen, and Brady Smith.

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