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CELEBRATE THE FAMILY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Chino Hills, CA – The Chino Hills Healthy Hills Steering Committee coordinated the City’s 21th 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 8th grade who live or attend school in Chino Hills. The artwork and essay entries reflected the theme “My Favorite Family Memory is...”

Prize packages provided for the contest winners had a total value of 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.

Loving Savior of the Hills Lutheran School was recognized for submitting the most entries with a total of 265 out of 850 total entries. Principal Valerie Wend was awarded a plaque. The school also had the highest participation in the Kindergarten category with 43 entries; in the 1st and 2nd grade category with 60 entries; and in the 7th and 8th grade with 47 entries. Principal Paula Thomas accepted a plaque on behalf of Rolling Ridge Elementary School which was recognized for the highest participation in the 3rd and 4th grade category with 67 entries; and in the 5th and 6th grade category with 125 entries. Mrs. Bertello, a sixth grade teacher at Wickman Elementary School, was awarded a \$100 gift card to Staples for having 100% classroom participation.

Mayor Peter Rogers; residents who served on the Healthy Hills Committee including Glen Anderson, Lydia Schmidt, and Bob Gannon; and City staff members Valerie McClung, Denise Cattern, and Brandon Fonacier, served as judges for the contest.

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2018 Celebrate the Family Winners:

Kindergarten

1 st Place	Derrick Jin	Good Earth Montessori
2 nd Place	Harmony Flores	Oak Ridge Elementary
3 rd Place	Sidanth Magesh	Country Springs Elementary

Grades 1 – 2

1 st Place	Vivaan Desai	Wickman Elementary
2 nd Place	Henry Fang	Wickman Elementary
3 rd Place	Cayden Lee	Rolling Ridge Elementary

Grades 3 – 4

1 st Place	Selina Gu	Litel Elementary
2 nd Place	Iris Chien	Hidden Trails Elementary
3 rd Place	Kaelyn Naing	Country Springs Elementary

Grades 5 – 6

1 st Place	Mihir Mandapaka	Wickman Elementary
2 nd Place	Catherine Gruen	Sage Oak Charter School
3 rd Place	Megan Cheng	Wickman Elementary

Grades 7 – 8

1 st Place	Lucas Urrea	Loving Savior
2 nd Place	Amber Liu	Foothill Country Day School
3 rd Place	Andrew Keuilian	Loving Savior

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Celebrate the Family Contest winners were honored at the November 13 City Council meeting. Front Row L-R: Selina Gu, Kaelyn Naing, Vivaan Desai, Henry Fang, Cayden Lee, Derrick Jin, Harmony Hou Flores, Sidanth Magesh
Middle Row L-R: Iris Chien, Lucas Urrea, Amber Liu, Andrew Keulian, Mihir Mandapaka, Catherine Gruen, Megan Cheng.
Back Left: Mayor Peter Rogers

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