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CELEBRATE THE FAMILY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills recognized winners of the 22nd annual “Celebrate the Family” Poster and Essay Writing Contest. The Chino Hills Healthy Cities Steering Committee started the contest 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. Contestants submitted 755 entries this year. The artwork and essay entries reflected the theme “My Family Makes Me Happy Because...”

The total value of the gift baskets awarded to the winners was over \$3,000. First place winners received a family four-pack of season passes to Knott’s Berry Farm. Second and third place winners received a \$75 gift card to Chaparral 300 Bowling and a \$75 gift card to Harkins Theaters. Principal Valerie Wend, from Loving Savior of the Hills, was awarded a plaque for the highest participation in the kindergarten category with 61 entries, and in the 7th and 8th grade category with 43 entries. Principal Paula Thomas accepted a plaque on behalf of Rolling Ridge Elementary School, recognized for the highest participation in the 1st – 3rd grade category with 100 entries, and in the 4th and 6th grade category with 205 entries. Mrs. Newman, a 6th grade teacher at Oak Ridge Elementary School, won the drawing for a \$100 gift card to Hobby Lobby for having 100% classroom participation.

Judges included Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jennifer Holtkamp; former Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob Gannon; and City staff members Mike Adams, Vanessa Badosa, Richard Cervantes, Jacobb Cortez, Christopher Eddy, Brandon Fonacier, Daniel Guzman, Mary Jimenez, Sarah Klose, Valerie McClung, Melissa Medina, and Janelle Ramos.

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2019 Celebrate the Family Contest Winners:

Kinder- garten	1 st Place Mia Ortega Sunshine Montessori	2 nd Place Yeana Lee Country Springs	3 rd Place Jamie Yabiku Loving Savior
1 st – 3 rd Grade	Iris Hin Rolling Ridge	Caitlyn Lim Wickman	Isabella Revilla Eagle Canyon
4 th – 6 th Grade	Isabella Chen Loving Savior	Celeste Li Loving Savior	Mia Chen Eagle Canyon
7 th – 8 th Grade	Ky-An Dinh Canyon Hills	Andrew Keuilian Loving Savior	James Hottinger Loving Savior



Celebrate the Family Contest winners were honored at the November 12 City Council meeting. Front row, left to right: Iris Hin, Caitlyn Lim, Isabella Revilla, Mia Ortega, Yeana Lee, and Jamie Yabiku. Back row, left to right: Mayor Cynthia Moran, Ky-An Dinh, Andrew Keuilian, James Hottinger, Isabella Chen, Celeste Li, Mia Chen, and Chino Valley School Board Member Joe Schaffer.

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