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SUBJECT: ADOPT-A-PARK ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION

The Chandler Adopt-A-Park Program originated in June of 1990. This year's ceremony marks the 25th year of the program and recognizes service from January to December of 2014. In 2014, the Adopt-A-Park Program had 18 registered groups and/or individuals adopting 16 parks and volunteering a total of 801.5 hours.

To recognize the contributions these groups make in our parks, each will receive a Certificate of Merit. The "Large Group of the Year" (5 or more people) and "Small Group of the Year" (less than 5 people) with the highest number of volunteer hours in their respective categories will be honored and presented with award certificates at the February 23rd City Council Study Session. A representative from each group has been invited to attend that meeting and accept the certificate on behalf of their group. The "Large Group of the Year" for 2014 is the Desert Rivers Audubon Society who adopted the Desert Breeze Hummingbird Habitat and contributed a total of 180 volunteer hours. The "Small Group of the Year" for 2014 is Natasha Thompson & Beth Werner with 64.5 volunteer hours who volunteered at Sunset Park. Each group will have their name engraved on a floating plaque, which is displayed in the lobby of the Chandler Community Center.

Below is a breakdown of all the Adopt-A-Park groups and the amount of volunteer hours they spent in their parks:

<u>LARGE GROUPS</u>		
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Total Volunteer Hours (Jan-Dec 2014)</u>
Cub Scouts Pack 984	Maggio Ranch	3
Chandler Rotary	A.J. Chandler Park	8
Girl Scout Troop 2576	Quail Haven Park	9
Chandler Gilbert ARC	Arrowhead Meadows Park	16
Quetzalli	Apache Park	30

Cholla Neighborhood Girl Scouts	Pecos Ranch Park	36
Knox Place HOA	Apache Park	49.5
Chandler Kiwanis Club	Ryan Park	56
Verizon Wireless	Desert Breeze Park	60
Knights of Columbus	Navarrete Park	103.5
Bank of America	Pequeno Park	128
Desert Rivers Audubon Society	Desert Breeze – Hummingbird Habitat	180
	Total Hours “Large Group”	679
<u>SMALL GROUPS</u>		
Pilot Mortgage, LLC	Arbuckle Park	4
LCL - Smith	Desert Oasis Park	4.5
Drez Family & Friends	East Mini Park	7.5
Ellen& Carl D’Amato	Blue Heron Park	16.5
Carter & Sherill Frey	Price Park	25.5
Natasha Thompson & Beth Werner	Sunset Park	64.5
	Total Hours “Small Group”	122.5
	GRAND TOTAL	801.5