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MEMORANDUM

**Community and Neighborhood Services Department - Council
Memo No. CNS16-133**

DATE: MAY 9, 2016

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THRU: MARSHA REED, CITY MANAGER *MLR*
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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 completes the 26th year of the program and recognizes service from January to December of 2015. In 2015, the Adopt-A-Park Program had 13 registered groups and/or individuals adopting 12 parks and volunteering 762 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) that had the highest number of volunteer hours in their respective categories will be honored and presented with award certificates at the May 9th 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 2015 is the Desert Rivers Audubon Society who adopted the Desert Breeze Hummingbird Habitat and had a total of 245 volunteer hours. The "Small Group of the Year" for 2015 is Natasha Thompson & Beth Werner which had 70 volunteer hours. 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 2015)</u>
Bank of America	Brooks Crossing	18
Bank of America	Pequeno Park	24
Chandler Gilbert ARC	Arrowhead Meadows Park	25
Verizon Wireless	Desert Breeze Park	42
Bank of America	San Marcos Park	51
Chandler Kiwanis Club	Ryan Park	61
Knights of Columbus	Navarrete Park	90
General Motors - AIC	Chuparosa Park	105

Desert Rivers Audubon Society	Desert Breeze – Hummingbird Habitat	245
	Total Hours “Large Group”	661
<u>SMALL GROUPS</u>		
Pilot Mortgage, LLC	Arbuckle Park	1
Benjamin & Joy Custer	Dobson Park	4
Carter & Sherill Frey	Price Park	26
Natasha Thompson & Beth Werner	Sunset Park	70
	Total Hours “Small Group”	101
	GRAND TOTAL	762