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City of Morgan Hill to Accept Donation from Morgan Hill Community Foundation for Magical Bridge Inclusive Playground

Morgan Hill, CA *February 12, 2021* – The Magical Bridge Playground in Morgan Hill is currently under construction with plans to open in the Summer of 2021. The project started in 2015, spearheaded by a group of volunteers and a partnership with the City of Morgan Hill. The effort has undergone many transformations over the last six years. During the initial fundraising efforts for the project (2015-2017), the Morgan Hill Community Foundation served as the organization holding funds for the project. The Morgan Hill Community Foundation is transferring the funds raised by volunteers in the amount of \$72,659.68 to the City of Morgan Hill.

This donation will be accepted by the City of Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Community Foundation will be recognized at the City Council Meeting on February 17, 2021. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Members of the community that would like to participate in the meeting remotely may do so by joining the virtual meeting at: <https://bit.ly/MHCityCouncilMeeting> or by calling in to: (669) 900-9128, then enter the webinar id: 873 3200 8380#.

“We’re thankful to the Morgan Hill Community Foundation for acting as the holding organization for the Magical Bridge Playground in the beginning phase of the project and for their continued partnership,” said Chris Ghione, Public Services Director for the City of Morgan Hill. “Working with the Morgan Hill Community Foundation allowed volunteers to safely and securely raise funds for the project.”

The Morgan Hill Community Foundation and donors that supported the project will be recognized on the Donor Wall onsite at the playground, which will be located at Community Park. These donors include Junior League San Jose, Intero Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Benevity, Kristy Sermersheim, Reed Johnson, Gayla Altoff, Anna and Alex Gervacio, R. Sanchez-Silva, Mission Bell, Ron and Shirley Locicero, and many more.

“Without the support of the community members, local businesses, and grant funders, this project would not be where it is today. We’re excited to be able to open the park this year and to have a space in Morgan Hill that is truly made for everyone,” said Ghione.

The recent Covid-19 crisis has greatly impacted the City’s finances and additional community support is needed to ensure the park is maintained at a high level once it’s open. This help is needed in the areas of continued fundraising and commitment to volunteer. For additional information or to get involved, visit www.morganhill.ca.gov/magicalbridge.

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