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### **SUMMERLIN CHILDREN LOVE THEIR COMMUNITY**

*Winners Chosen for 17<sup>th</sup> Annual “Why I Love Summerlin” Valentine Contest*

For 17 years, Summerlin children have created Valentine drawings to illustrate what they love best about living and going to school in their community. And this year was no exception as dozens of children submitted entries to the community’s annual “Why I Love Summerlin” Valentine art contest, now in its seventeenth year.

Popular amenities featured in the drawings included parks, schools, Summerlin Hospital Medical Center and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. “I love Summerlin because I like the mountains,” six-year-old Parker Samuelson wrote on his drawing; “I like Summerlin because they have nice schools,” wrote seven-year-old Kaitlyn Funk; “I love the nice people in Summerlin,” wrote eight-year-old Cameryn Reasbeck; “I love Summerlin because I like the parks here,” wrote nine-year-old Jared Snanoudj, and 10-year old Annie Siroky listed parties, parades, swimming, Summerlin Sam, parks and hiking as some of the many reasons she loves the community.

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“It’s endearing to hear why our young residents love Summerlin,” said Lezlie Barnson-DeNardin, community relations director for The Summerlin Council, the non-profit arm of the Summerlin Community Association that oversees special event planning and programming in the community, including this year’s “Why I Love Summerlin” art competition. “Ironically, it’s often the same reasons our older residents love the community. Summerlin truly appeals to all generations.”

Six winners representing different age groups were selected this year by a panel of Summerlin residents and local community leaders. Winners received a General Growth Properties gift card good at Fashion Show, The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian, The Boulevard Mall and Meadows Mall. Following are the 2008 “Why I Love Summerlin” competition winners:

Four-year-old Chloe Bakert, a student at Lit’l Scholar Academy, placed first in her age category. According to Chloe’s mom, Vidia Bakert, Chloe loves coloring, reading and socializing in Summerlin.

Six-year-old Avalon Hester from Alexander Dawson drew a picture of a multi-colored butterfly with various colors representing her favorite Summerlin amenities, including school, church, soccer fields, Red Rock Canyon and home. According to Avalon’s mother, Lisa Hester, Avalon will drop down anywhere and start drawing.

Competitive swimmer and 10-year-old student at Staton Elementary, Kasdyn Rafie, drew a picture of the community’s pools with a mountain backdrop. “I love the Summerlin pools,” is written on her award-winning picture.

Another Staton Elementary student, 11-year-old Hallie Appleyard, drew a beautiful landscape picture with trees, birds, butterflies and a smiling sun. “I love Summerlin!” is written on her picture. According to Hallie’s mother, Elana Appleyard, Hallie is a straight-A honor roll student and competitive dancer for DelGado Dance Studios.

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Sisters Dipika and Mayuri Bhandari placed first in the two older age categories. Dipika, a 13-year-old student at Hyde Park Middle School, drew a landscape picture with green grass, mountains and dramatic blue skies, while Mayuri, a 16-year-old student from Palo Verde High School, drew an image of a child playing with a ball on a park bench in a garden-like setting.

“We’re pleased with all the entries we received this year and encourage even more students to participate in the competition next year,” said Barnson-DeNardin.

Developed by The Howard Hughes Corporation, an affiliate of General Growth Properties, Inc., Summerlin began to take shape in 1990 and has consistently ranked in the country’s top 10 best-selling master-planned communities.

Located along the western rim of the Las Vegas valley, Summerlin encompasses 22,500 acres with approximately 9,000 acres still remaining to accommodate future growth within the master plan, including the community’s urban core of Summerlin Centre.

The community is currently home to more than 95,000 residents who enjoy an unparalleled list of amenities. These include more than 100 neighborhood and village parks, more than 150 completed miles of the Summerlin Trail System, nine golf courses, a dozen houses of worship, shopping centers, medical and cultural facilities, business parks, 22 public and private schools and more than 100 actively selling floorplans.

Homes are available in a variety of styles - from single-family homes to townhomes, condominiums and lofts - priced from the mid-\$200,000s to more than \$2 million. Custom homesites in The Ridges are priced from the \$500,000s. Luxury apartment homes offer monthly rents starting from the \$900s. For more information on Summerlin, visit [www.summerlin.com](http://www.summerlin.com) or call 888-898-5015.

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**PHOTO OUTLINE** – Winners of the 2008 “Why I Love Summerlin” valentine art competition pose for a photo at The Paseos park in Summerlin.