

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Kevin Hawkins, Director of Community Services

DATE: July 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Approve a Cooperative Agreement with Nonprofit Our Nicholas Foundation in Support of Various Human Services Programs and Activities (At the Request of Mayor Naggar)

PREPARED BY: Yvette Martinez, Community Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve a cooperative agreement with nonprofit Our Nicholas Foundation for in-kind City support valued at \$754 and \$8,300 in promotional services of various Human Services programs and activities.

BACKGROUND: The City of Temecula is committed to serving youth with special needs and their families. As outlined in the Youth Master Plan Addendum, the City has developed a framework that includes a set of strategic directions that outline the major categories of action for achieving the community's vision and desired outcome to serve youth with special needs. Categories include Community Education, Volunteerism, Training, Public-Private Partnerships and Resources, and Programs and Services. The goals in developing these strategies are to facilitate partnerships, leverage existing resources, and capitalize on the community's "Can do" spirit.

The Partnership between the City of Temecula and Our Nicholas Foundation exists to leverage resource opportunities; create, expand, and improve programs and services; facilitate inclusion, and promote special needs awareness. The City of Temecula and Our Nicholas Foundation have worked cooperatively to host various programs, services, and events for the residents of Temecula and surrounding cities. This partnership will continue through the following activities:

Autism Christmas Event: Our Nicholas Foundation will host Christmas parties for children with autism and their families at a City Facility. The Christmas party will offer arts and crafts, activities, gift giving, refreshments, and a visit with Santa around familiar friends and family without the stress of waiting in long lines.

Special Needs Playground Programs: The Eagle Soar Playground at Margarita Community Park will host weekly two-hour Special Needs Programs in the summer July through August, and on the second Saturday of each month September through June. The program is a cooperative effort between the City of Temecula, Our Nicholas Foundation, Van Avery Prep, and Comprehensive Autism Center. Programs will be themed and include social skills, recreational activities, arts and crafts, and peer development for children with special needs. This program will require the park

to be closed to the public. The program has served over 650 people thus far. Our Nicholas Foundation organizes each activity and the City provides staff support and advertising.

In order to fulfill the desired outcomes and goals of the Youth Master Plan Addendum to serve youth with special needs, the continuation of this formalized cooperative partnership between the City of Temecula and Our Nicholas Foundation is essential in continuing to provide these types of programs and activities to our community with special needs. This entails the use of in-kind Community Services facilities and staff support valued at \$138 and \$116 respectively, material costs of \$500, and in-kind promotional services valued at \$8,300. The non-profit Our Nicholas Foundation shall provide the following benefits and in-kind services for the citizens of Temecula which include City of Temecula logo or name on advertisements, press releases, event posters, event flyers, and event shirts; enrichment activities for the playground program and the Christmas event to benefit children and families affected by autism. This cooperative partnership enables the City to continue to bridge gaps in services, increase opportunities, and expand and enhance programs that support the Special Needs community.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for material costs and support have been allocated in the TCSD Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Operating Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Cooperative Agreement