



Sunnyvale

# Media Advisory

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**GRAND OPENING: ANIMAL ASSISTED HAPPINESS  
OPENS NEW HOME AT BAYLANDS PARK WITH ANIMALS, SMILES**

**WHEN:** 9 – 10 a.m., Thursday, November 16

**WHERE:** Baylands Park, Sunnyvale (999 E Caribbean Drive)

**ACTIVITIES:** Ribbon-cutting ceremony, Speeches, Tours

**PARKING:** Enter the park from Caribbean Drive and turn left to access event parking

Join Sunnyvale Mayor Glenn Hendricks and councilmembers; Animal Assisted Happiness officers, advisory board members and staff; City staff; and invited guests for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new location for Animal Assisted Happiness.

**BACKGROUND:**

Animal Assisted Happiness has opened its whimsical new facility at Baylands Park where it is leasing 2.5 acres through an agreement with the City of Sunnyvale and County of Santa Clara. Animal Assisted Happiness enriches the lives of children and their families experiencing special needs, health or family challenges. They provide barnyard friends so children and their family members can interact with animals to bring moments of happiness and smiles into their lives. Barnyard friends include mini-horses, a mini-donkey, alpacas, goats, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, pot-bellied pigs, chickens and doves. Program and visitor information:

[www.animalassistedhappiness.org](http://www.animalassistedhappiness.org)

Baylands Park – 70 acres of developed parkland and 105 acres of seasonal wetlands – is owned by the County of Santa Clara and operated and maintained by the City of Sunnyvale. The Sunnyvale City Council authorized the sub-lease agreement with Animal Assisted Happiness in May 2017.

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