



Mayors' Council of Guam

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PRESS RELEASE

MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM 'BELEN DISPLAY' WINNERS ANNOUNCED

December 13, 2021- A group of 10 volunteer judges traversed the island yesterday evening to judge every village's Nativity "Belen" display. All were beautiful and brought out the real "reason for the season" which is the birth of Christ.

Taking top honors:

Out of 650 points based on Originality, Artistry, Creativity, WOW Factor, and use of Indigenous and Recyclable materials. The top winners are:

1st place – Santa Rita-Sumai (583 points)

2nd place (tie) - Agana Heights (566 points) / Mongmong-Toto-Maite (566 points)

3rd place – Mangilao (561 points)

We encourage the community to come and view and witness the great work many staff and village volunteers put in to prepare and present their displays. Every village prepared a Belen but only 18 participated in the judging.

The theme of Gift of Life is in tandem with our campaign to provide more foster homes on our island for the more than 400 children that need them. We are looking for at least one home in every village to "have room in their inn" for a child. Please contact your individual Mayor's offices if you are willing to do so.

"Let us have *room in our inn* to a child that needs it", said MCoG Executive Director Angel Sablan.

"This "Gift of Life" is our gift to the children of Guam who need it" echoed MCoG President and Mayor of Piti, Mayor Jesse Alig.

The monetary prizes won by the villages will be used to enhance the Foster family program in cooperation with Harvest House and the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

You may contact your respective village mayor's office for the location of their displays.

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