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The CarMax Foundation and KaBOOM! Put Kids First by Increasing Access to Play in San Gabriel
200 Community Volunteers Unite to Build a New Playground at Smith Park

Volunteers from The CarMax Foundation, the City of San Gabriel, the Asian Youth Center and the community will join KaBOOM! on Thursday, March 14 to revitalize an existing play area into a kid-designed, state-of-the-art playground in just six hours at Smith Park. The new playground will help make play the easy choice for kids and families in San Gabriel.

Play is essential to physical, creative, cognitive, social and emotional development. The previous playground at Smith Park was originally constructed in 1995 and was in need of replacement. Through this project, the City of San Gabriel and the Asian Youth Center will work with The CarMax Foundation and KaBOOM! to make a difference in their community and address the most urgent needs of kids.

In January, kids from the surrounding community came together to draw their dream playground. The playground is based off their drawings and will provide thousands of kids in San Gabriel with a great, safe place to play over its lifetime. "We're very privileged to partner with KAPOOM! and The CarMax Foundation to bring a new playground to San Gabriel," said John Harrington, Mayor of San Gabriel. "Not only does this new playground allow a new generation to experience the joys of play, but it will also allow the community to gather together to create something truly great."

L.A. Clippers special guests, including Clippers Spirit dance team members and mascot Chuck the Condor, will also join in on the playground build. "Giving back to the Southern California community is incredibly important to the Clippers and we're proud to work with and support partners like CarMax who feel the same way," said Scott Sonnenberg, Chief Global Partnerships Officer, L.A. Clippers. "We're happy to do our part to help The CarMax Foundation build a new playground in San Gabriel." CarMax is an official partner of the L.A. Clippers.

The CarMax Foundation has provided the majority of the funding for the playground through its national partnership with KaBOOM!, supporting The Foundation's commitment to furthering the cause of children's healthy living. The project is among 68 new playspaces that The CarMax Foundation and KaBOOM! will create across the country by the end of 2021 – a \$4.4 million investment. Through this partnership, KaBOOM! is creating an oasis where kids feel valued and loved, and where their potential is supported, nurtured and celebrated.

WHEN: Thursday, March 14
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Kick-off ceremony
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Best viewing of playground construction
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Final construction phase
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremony
(Times approximate)

WHERE: **Smith Park**
232 West Broadway
San Gabriel, CA 91776

WHO: Hundreds of community volunteers
San Gabriel Vice Mayor Jason Pu
Councilmember Juli Costanzo
Councilmember Chin Ho Liao
Chuck the Condor, L.A. Clippers Mascot
Clippers Spirit dance team members

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About the City of San Gabriel

The birthplace of the Los Angeles region, the City of San Gabriel features a diverse population of over 41,000 residents. Founded in 1771 and incorporated in 1913, San Gabriel serves as the home for the San Gabriel Mission, a thriving business district along Valley Boulevard, a historic core in the Mission District, and a vibrant arts and culture scene at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. For more information about the City of San Gabriel, visit the City's website at SanGabrielCity.com or blog at InsideSanGabriel.com.

About the Asian Youth Center

Founded in 1989, the Asian Youth Center (AYC) exists to empower low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth and families, of all communities, to overcome barriers to success through the provision of culturally and linguistically competent education, employment, and social services. We help youth succeed in school, at work, and in life! For further questions, please contact AYC's office at (626) 309-0425. Written inquiries may be sent to 100 West Clary Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776 and emails may be directed to admin@asianyouthcenter.org. For additional information, please visit www.asianyouthcenter.org

About The CarMax Foundation

The CarMax Foundation enriches the communities where our associates live and work. Together with CarMax, Inc., the Foundation has donated more than \$50 million since 2003. Funding programs are made available through a portion of CarMax, Inc.'s pre-tax profits. CarMax, a member of the FORTUNE 500 and the S&P 500, and on the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For® list for 15 consecutive years, is the nation's largest retailer of used cars. For 25 years, CarMax has made car buying more ethical, fair and stress-free by offering a no-haggle, no-hassle experience and an incredible selection of vehicles. CarMax makes selling your car easy too, by offering no-obligation appraisals good for seven days. At CarMax, we'll buy your car even if you don't buy ours®. For more information, access the CarMax website at www.carmax.com.

About KaBOOM!

KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to giving all kids – especially those living in poverty – the childhood they deserve through great, safe places to play. KaBOOM! inspires communities to make play the easy choice and works to drive the national discussion about the importance of PLAYces. KaBOOM! has collaborated with partners to build or improve more than 17,000 playspaces, engage over 1.5 million volunteers and serve nearly 10 million kids. To learn why play matters for all kids, visit kaboom.org and join the conversation at twitter.com/kaboom, facebook.com/kaboom and instagram.com/kaboom. #playmatters #PLAYceforKids

About the L.A. Clippers

Led by Chairman Steve Ballmer, the L.A. Clippers in 2018-19 are competing in the franchise's 49th season and 35th in Los Angeles. They recently extended a franchise record, completing their seventh consecutive winning season in 2017-18. The team has logged the NBA's 5th-best record over the course of head coach Doc Rivers' five-year tenure. The Clippers are committed to the city of Los Angeles and through the L.A. Clippers Foundation, provide resources and opportunities that make a positive difference toward leveling the playing field for youth in Southern California. Visit the Clippers online at www.clippers.com or follow them on social media @LAClippers.