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### **CITY INVITES SEALED BIDS FOR COURTNEY'S SANDCASTLE PLAYGROUND SENSORY GARDEN**

March 20, 2014...San Clemente, California...The City of San Clemente is seeking a contractor to build the Sensory Garden at Courtney's SandCastle Universal Playground. The playground is located in the Vista Hermosa Sports Park located at 987 Avenida Vista Hermosa in San Clemente. The City invites sealed bids or proposals for this project from all qualified contractors and will accept these until 2:00 p.m. on April 16, 2014 at the office of the City Clerk located at City Hall, 100 Avenida Presidio in San Clemente. Bids will be publicly opened and read on this same day and time in the City Council Chambers. The Notice Inviting Bids can be found at [www.san-clemente.org](http://www.san-clemente.org).

Courtney's SandCastle Playground is part of a \$31.5 million project at the award winning 45-acre Vista Hermosa Sports Park and was inspired by Courtney Faye Smith who is confined to a wheelchair by spinal atrophy, a rare degenerative muscular disease. Outdoor recreational areas like this playground provide stimulation for multiple sensory experiences and have proven effective in the healthy growth of children, especially in the case of those with physical and developmental challenges.

The sensory garden is a much needed environment for children with sensory disabilities, especially those on the autism spectrum and will provide therapeutic benefits as well as a fun interactive play environment. With the addition of even more features including interactive water features, sensory gardens, shaded meeting area and musical elements, the playground will further benefit children and adults with disabilities.

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