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### LEO'S HAVEN/CHANTICLEER PARK GRAND OPENING

On Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, Santa Cruz County Parks will celebrate the grand opening of LEO's Haven and Chanticleer Park, which includes the County's first all-inclusive playground and represented the largest community park fundraising effort in County history.

The celebration will include hundreds of community members and numerous partners which helped make the park a reality, including County Parks, Chanticleer Park Neighbors/Vecinos, Shane's Inspiration, Santa Cruz Playground Project and Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks.

Speakers include Patricia Potts, whose children were the inspiration for LEO's Haven; Mariah Roberts, executive director of Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks; Supervisor John Leopold; Tiffany Harris, co-founder of Shane's Inspiration; Santa Cruz County Parks Director Jeff Gaffney; and accessibility advocate Haben Girma. Assemblymember Mark Stone will also attend, as will other distinguished guests and public officials.

**WHAT:** LEO's Haven/Chanticleer Park Grand Opening

**WHEN:** Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Chanticleer Avenue County Park, 1975 Chanticleer Ave., Santa Cruz

Girben is the first deafblind person to graduate from Harvard Law School, and authored the new book, "Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law."

President Barack Obama named Haben a White House Champion of Change, and she has received the Helen Keller Achievement Award and a spot on the Forbes 30 Under 30 list, along with other global honors.

Parking is available at Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (5200 Soquel Ave.) and Live Oak Elementary School (1916 Capitola Rd.). **Please do not park on neighborhood streets.**

If someone needs accommodations, please contact the Santa Cruz County Parks Department at (831) 454-7901. For more on County Parks, visit [www.scparks.com](http://www.scparks.com).