



Heloisa and Michael Kinder pause for a photo with a cake they won in a live dessert auction at the March 17 crab feed benefiting the Yolo Crisis Nursery. More than 500 guests attended the fifth annual fundraiser, which was held for the first time at the Woodland Community and Senior Center.

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Raising \$78,000, One Crab Leg at a Time

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A quick and fun by-the-numbers look at last weekend's Fifth Annual "Krustaceans for Kids" Crab Feed benefiting the Yolo Crisis Nursery:

- Number of event sponsors: 33
- Guests: 520
- Pounds of crab served: 1,200
- Pounds of shrimp: 160
- Pounds of pasta: 50
- Cases of wine: 20
- Volunteers working the event: 100-plus
- Gross revenue: \$78,000
- Percentage gross revenue exceeded expectation: 45
- Number of at-risk children and families who will receive services as a result of the event's success: As yet unknown, but significant.

For that final fact, we would like to thank everyone involved.

"From the moment the event sold out on March 1, we knew this year's crab feed was going to be successful, but we didn't realize how much so until the final numbers came in," said Jane Eadie, president of the Nursery's Board of Directors.

“We are so grateful to our community for turning out in force and demonstrating, once again, support for the nursery’s programs to prevent child abuse, nurture healthy and resilient children, strengthen parents and preserve families,” she said.

Special thanks go to the event sponsors: Premier Sponsor Sutter Health; “King Crab” Sponsors James and Lucinda Childress, Davis Firefighters Local 3494, and Kaiser Permanente; “Blue Crab” Sponsors Cable Car Wash; Davis Odd Fellows and Davis Rebekah Lodge; Davis Waste Removal; Dignity Health; Sierra Health Foundation; Van Dermyden Maddux Law Corporation; Union Bank; and University Honda.

Also thank-you to our “Snow Crab” Sponsors: Brooks Painting, Carlton Plaza Senior Living, Coldwell Banker Select, Danae Kelly and Robin Garland at Coldwell Banker Select, Davis Ace Hardware, Fleet Feet Davis, Golden Arch Enterprises, HEG Farms, Heidi and Peter Kellison, Karen and Steve Adams, King Properties, Morse Custom Homes and Remodeling, Nugget Market, Penne and John Sleuter, Ron Brown Construction, Sandi and John Kniep, Stewart and Ann Teal, Swim America, Tammy and David Amaral, the Eadie Family, and the Yackzan Group.

“Many people don’t realize that this event is produced entirely by a small group of volunteers, the Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery,” said Eadie. “Our nursery staff members help set up the afternoon of the event, but otherwise, staff time is preserved for nursery operations. I can’t thank our volunteers enough, particularly event co-chairs Nancy Storm and Martha Bernauer.”

Other members of the small-but-mighty Friends group are Veronica Stanton, Lynette Temple, Liz Malinoff, Maren Heise, Robin Garland, Judi Berry, Lynn Evert, Linda Dullum, Patti Sparks, and Nancy Cole. Heather Sleuter, the Nursery’s executive director, volunteers with the Friends on her own time.

The nursery’s Board and the event organizers would also like to thank the following individuals for volunteering at the crab feed: John Chuck, Cam Stoufer, Becky Heard, Todd Storm, Marc Hicks, Chelsea Hubbard, Steve Adams, Kyle Adams, Elise Adams, Carolyn Chamberlain, Susie Ford, Gary Ford, Virginia Salazar, Brenna O’Hallahan, Faye Dixon, Dan Ragland, Justine Cortez, Devon Langley, Paul Bernauer, Sandy Langley, Heidi Kellison, Bob Bowen, Robb Davis, JD Denton, Chris Denton, KC Ingram, Chase Templeton, Kyle Garlick, Dave Heard, Ralph Sparks, Denise Martin, Gary Bernauer, Scotty Meehleib, Patti Swimley, John Jensen, Jack Geist, Mark Datanagan and Jonah Hendrickson.

Many thanks also to Krista DeZerega-Thomson and dozens of volunteers from the National Charity League, and to Kris Fredricksen and Girl Scout Troop 2048.

We offer thanks to the Woodland Community and Senior Center, for working with us on pricing for event space rental; to Lamppost Pizza for donating pasta sauce, and to Upper Crust Bakery for donating bread – enough to fill the back of a Volkswagen Golf hatchback from floor to ceiling.

Finally, thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated items for our raffle and auctions, which combined raised almost \$24,000:

Lea Rosenberg, Magnolia Three, Skin Renewal Center, Sherry Richter, Judi Berry, Iggy Training, Linda Dullum, College Cab, Mother and Baby Source, Cream, Tres Hermanas, Costco, All That Jazz, Davis Golf Course, Pizza Guys – Woodland, Blue Note Brewing Co., Stella and Dot, Wild Wings Golf Course, Hot Italian, Nini's Jammies (Heather Turner), UC Davis Department of Chemical Engineering and UC Davis Coffee Center, the Yolo Crisis Nursery Staff, Mountain Valley Golf Center, Ludy's BBQ and Catering, The Burger Saloon, Sinor Salons, Dick Berry Woodworking Designs, 3rd Street Jeweler, Dennis and Rebecca Foster, Fit House Davis, Sophia's Thai Kitchen and Bar, Common Grounds.

Three Mile Brewery, Pinkadot, Davis Home Trends, Davis Ace Hardware, Kim Eichorn, Dr. Stewart Teal, John Lescroart, Sandi Kniep, Marge Garland, Veronica Stanton, UC Davis Athletics, El Dorado Resorts, Hallmark Inn, Seasons Restaurant, Cream, Aggie Inn, Woodstocks Pizza, Regal Cinema, Yolo Crisis Nursery Board of Directors, Dave Kalbaugh, Sonya Stout, Marjorie Ahl, Carol Frank, Doug and Liz Malinoff, Lexie Lear, Hyatt Place UC Davis, Home Fix Woodland, Melanie Christensen, Yolo Fliers Club, Kitchen 428/Mojo's Lounge & Bar, Ron and Kris Sleuter, Sanctuary Salon, Balance Point Pilates, Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Women's Group, Patty Beaver, Chris Denton, Kim Eichorn, Lynette Temple, Patti Sparks, Nancy Cole, Pat Stromberg, Veronica Stanton, Melanie Christensen, Megan Mullin, Julie Hughes-Feyrer, Judy Wolf.

Beyond the Garden Gate, Mircetich Painting, El Macero Golf and Country Club, A Grand Affair, Yoloberry Yogurt, Ed Maeda, Todd Storm, M3 Photography, Cynthia Kroener, King Properties, Nancy Brown, Ron Brown Construction, Davis Firefighters Local 3494, Cindy Wilson, Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, Brooks Painting, Clear Your Clutter, Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning, and Grand Island Vineyards.

To the many people who wanted to attend but didn't secure tickets before we sold out this year, we invite you to get early notification of next year's ticket sales by joining our email list. You can do so on Facebook or by visiting our website, www.yolocrisisnursery.org.

See you next year at the Sixth Annual "Krustaceans for Kids" Crab Feed.