



Participants in The Cannery's annual Can Run celebrate a good time and a great cause. Runners raised \$5,000 for the Yolo Crisis Nursery at this year's run, on May 6.

## Yolo Crisis Nursery can be just what the doctor ordered

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While physicians usually apply the medical arts to effect a cure, they sometimes must look elsewhere to help patients who need something that even the best medicine can't provide. When it comes to parents facing a serious health crisis, area doctors know the [Yolo Crisis Nursery](#) stands ready to serve.

A young dad we'll call Jason learned of the nursery from his wife's physician. The mom's diagnosis was cancer and her health was declining. There was no extended family to help, leaving Jason to care for the couple's three preschool-age children alone, while also caring for his ailing wife and holding down a full-time job.

Jason was very afraid he would lose his job, the family's only financial support.

The doctor's referral was the lifeline the family desperately needed. Jason made the call and the Yolo Crisis Nursery staff immediately stepped up to help. Child care was provided to help Jason keep working at his full-time job while also driving his wife to and from her cancer treatments.

A child-care subsidy was obtained and full-time child care was found close to home. Jason was able to keep his job and give his wife the attention she needed, secure in the knowledge that their children were safe and well cared for.

Nursery staff also connected Jason to a fathers' support group to help him meet with other dads who were dealing with similar challenges. Sometimes it helps to know you're not the only one.

Jason and his family may have been alone in the world before this crisis, but they quickly learned that with the Yolo Crisis Nursery, families with young children are never alone when times get tough.

As in this case, the work of the nursery is not just to make sure the children are safe, but also to assess the entire family's needs. Jason experienced the nursery's extensive wrap-around services that, in addition to meeting the children's immediate needs, help parents find resources to meet their own needs.

The result is reduced stress load on the parents so they can better deal with the challenges ahead and become a stronger family when they come out on the other side.

### **Nursery adds new services**

"Our visitation services will provide and maintain a safe, trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, confidential setting in which the contact between a child and an adult can be facilitated and monitored by personnel able to protect the safety of the children and provide support to enhance parent-child relationships and parent skill development," said Heather Sleuter, executive director of Yolo Crisis Nursery.

### **News from the fundraising front**

Two longtime supporters of the Yolo Crisis Nursery are partnering on a Saturday night in September for some fun fundraising. On Sept. 16, the Davis Firefighters' annual Taco Dinner will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. during the free "Davis Movies in the Park," sponsored by the Davis Sunset Rotary Club.

The free movie, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will be "Beauty and the Beast." So, slap on a little bug repellent, load up some blankets or beach chairs and join us for a great family film along with some delicious tacos. There also will be a separate snack bar run by the Rotarians.

All proceeds from food sales go to the Yolo Crisis Nursery, so be sure to come hungry. More information on the event can be found at [sunsetrotarydavis.org](http://sunsetrotarydavis.org).

Yes, you *can* and yes, you did. If you were one of the hundreds of runners and walkers who participated in the annual "Can Run" at The Cannery in Davis this past May 6, give yourself a double pat on the back because you not only got in a healthy workout, but you also helped the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

Thanks to the generosity of The New Home Company, the developers of [The Cannery](#), and other event sponsors, the race resulted in a contribution of \$5,000 to the nursery.