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Attendees from last year's fun event. Yolo Crisis Nursery had 1,200 pounds of crab, 520 guests, and one hugely successful crab feed. The success of this year's event will go a long way toward keeping the nursery financially healthy in order to continue serving Yolo County families.

Major annual fundraiser in March set for Yolo Crisis Nursery

Crab season in California is happening now, and that means the “Krustaceans for Kids” annual Crab Feed benefiting the Yolo Crisis Nursery (YCN) can’t be far behind.

The fun, food, and yes, fundraising is set for Saturday, March 24, at the Woodland Senior and Community Center starting at 6:00 pm.

“Last year’s sold-out Crab Feed had a record attendance of more than 500 people and earned record proceeds in excess of \$60,000 for our operations. That’s almost ten percent of the annual budget,” said YCN Board President Jane Eadie. “The

success of this year's event will go a long way toward keeping the nursery financially healthy in order to continue serving Yolo County families."

Headlining the major sponsor list again this year is Sutter Health. "Like Yolo Crisis Nursery, Sutter Health enhances the well-being of people in the communities we serve through a commitment to compassion and excellence in services," said Rachael McKinney, CEO, Sutter Davis Hospital. "We applaud the Nursery for its commitment to the most vulnerable children and families in our community. Sutter Health is proud to be the Premier Sponsor of the Yolo Crisis Nursery's 6th annual 'Krustaceans for Kids' Crab Feed."

And quite a feed it will be. Plenty of delicious fresh crab with melted butter and cocktail sauce, plus pasta with red sauce, green salad, and tasty bread. It's all you can eat, so come hungry. The volunteer servers will keep your table well stocked until you've had your fill. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available throughout the event at conveniently located no-host bars.

The servers are just part of a small army of volunteers organized by the Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, the nursery's fundraising volunteer group. The Friends have successfully produced this event since the first crab feed in 2013. They've been working diligently for months to make sure this year's event is the best ever.

The fun doesn't end with the food, as the silent auction and the ever-popular Giant Raffle are back, as well as the live auction. Dr. John Chuck will reprise his role as auctioneer for a great line-up of items that starts with a tasty array of homemade desserts.

Several levels of sponsorship are still available, starting at just \$500, and all of them include tickets to the event and wine service at the sponsors' tables. Sponsorships and individual tickets can be purchased now at www.yolocrisisnursery.org. Last year's event sold out well in advance, so don't delay.

For the Yolo Crisis Nursery, this is the event of the year – so much crab, so much pasta and salad, so much fun, and it's all to benefit the families of Yolo County.

Board of Directors Expands

At its January meeting, the volunteer Board of Directors of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, Inc. installed five new members and welcomed back a former director to replace three retiring members and expand the board from 9 to 12 members.

“Our strategic plan for the next three years is aggressive,” said board president Jane Eadie. “The additional directors will help spread the workload of the board to ensure successful implementation, along with the Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery, nursery staff, and other key volunteers, all of whom played pivotal roles in developing the plan.”

Founding board president Becky Heard returns as board vice president this year. She’s joined by new board members:

- Scott Purves, president of Purves Insurance
- Kay Resler, retired university administrator and past president of the Rotary Club of Davis
- Carol Rosset, fund developer for Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Pam Stromberg, retired HR administrator
- Jennifer Thayer, assistant developer of programs, CAAA, UC Davis

Returning board members, in addition to Eadie, are Samrina Marshall, J.D. Denton, Stewart Teal, and JoEllen Welsch.