Yolo Crisis Nursery: Crab Feed Fundraiser Set for March 16

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It is crab season in California and that means the Annual “Krustaceans for Kids” Crab Feed benefitting the Yolo Crisis Nursery is just around the corner! The fun, food, and yes, fundraising is set to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Woodland Senior and Community Center, 2001 East St.

Krustaceans for Kids is an extraordinary crab feed! Volunteer servers will keep your table well-stocked with buckets of delicious, fresh crab with melted butter and cocktail sauce; pasta with red sauce; Caesar salad; and delicious bread. It is all-you-can-eat, so come hungry. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available throughout the event at conveniently located no-host bars.

“We’ve had a sell-out crowd for the past few years. Over 500 people attended last year’s Krustaceans for Kids and over $74,000 was raised for the Nursery,” said Yolo Crisis Nursery Board President Jane Eadie. “A successful crab feed this year will go a long way towards keeping the nursery financially healthy so that we can continue to serve Yolo County’s at-risk children and their families.”

The Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery have successfully produced this event since 2013, and we are working hard to make sure this year’s crab feed is the best yet. The fun doesn’t end with all-you-can-eat food, as the Silent Auction and ever-popular Giant Raffle are back, as well as the Live Auction with a great lineup of items that begins with a tasty array of homemade desserts.

We are thrilled to have Sutter Health returning as our Premier Sponsor. This type of dedicated support from our community is critical in helping us achieve our vision that every child in Yolo County grows up in a safe, loving, and stable home.
Individual tickets are only $50, and several levels of sponsorship are still available starting at just $500. They can be purchased now at www.yolocrisisnursery.org. Last year’s event sold out well in advance, so don’t delay. Get your tickets today!

All Krustacean for Kids Crab Feed proceeds go to the Yolo Crisis Nursery. The Nursery is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for children and families in turmoil. Our services are free of charge, and we do not turn away any children. The Nursery’s emergency respite care program is funded by the generosity of our community.

Every family the Yolo Crisis Nursery serves is different, but each one is in crisis and all in need of aid with little or no support systems. The Nursery keeps their young, vulnerable children safe and helps the parents resolve their immediate crises. The Nursery continues to work with and follow families for one year to ensure that they successfully transition out of crisis, the children remain safe, and the family stays whole.

**Why we do it**

Recently, we received a call from one of our clients to say thank you. Jennifer and her young son James were shaken to the core by a brutal domestic violence attack. They were working hard at starting over when their past came back to haunt them in the middle of the night. Jennifer and James escaped that night with their lives, but both were traumatized.

Little James could recall every horrifying detail of the attack, and Jennifer sank into a deep depression. Our nursery team worked with James in our trauma-trained respite care and preschool program, while Jennifer was being treated for depression and attending to the necessary legal issues.

Jennifer and James are doing much better now. James is thriving in preschool and Jennifer is employed and just purchased a home. Jennifer and James are proof that we cannot erase the past, but with help, we can work to make the future as bright as possible. This is the reason we do what we do and why the Crab Feed, our major fundraising event, is so important.

Join us on March 16 for all-you-can-eat crab and fun to help our most vulnerable, at-risk Yolo County children, like James, avert disaster. Interested in joining the Friends of The Yolo Crisis Nursery? Please email friends@yolocrisisnursery.org. To learn more about the Nursery or to donate, please visit www.yolocrisisnursery.org.

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