## Labor of Love - A Better Place

## 30 August 2017 by Carol Bower Foote

"My heart is strongly set to do what good I can do and when I leave this world I hope to have made a difference." (Faith Elizabeth Brigham, poet) Isn't that a desire we all share? The month of September in Rio Vista is providing lots of opportunities to help the fine non-profit organizations in our community make a positive difference in people's lives, a labor of love. Some of them are highlighted below. See the COMMUNITY CALENDAR for full details.

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RIOVISION is privileged to help the RIO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS make a difference by presenting them with a \$3000 check at the Hog August Bites event. This donation was part of



RVHS Boosters' Capital Campaign kick off to raise funds to purchase vans to transport RVHS students and staff to competitive and development activities. Rio Vista streets were filled with people of all ages safely enjoying the mild breezy day, tasting chili, buying homemade

jams, sampling kettle corn, beer and lots of BBQ, browsing the vendor booths, pouring over vintage cars, foot tapping to live music, watching their kids on the water slide.



Thank you to the RIO VISTA FIRE Department for providing the water for the inflatable slide and offering their mobile Safety House showing how to safely evacuate a smoke-filled home, along with an impressive display of fire fighting vehicles.

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4-H makes a difference in the lives of our young people. Congratulations to 4 Rio Vista 4-H members who received top awards at the Solano County Fair earlier this month: Carlin Cline, Sam Esperson, Madison Baughman, and Joey Bowers.

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RIO VISTA FOOD PANTRY begins their DONATION DRIVE on September 4<sup>th</sup> for their Annual "Catch of the Day" Rummage Sale fundraiser: 11-3pm at 45 Main Street. There are exclusions. Contact Nora at 707-334-6191. Your participation makes a difference in their ability to feed hungry citizens in our community.

RIO VISTA CARE holds their WINE PULL fundraiser on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Hall to benefit their professional counseling and family resource services offered to our smaller Delta towns. RV CARE is also looking for adults to volunteer for their 2017-18 PALS mentoring program benefitting Elementary and Middle school youth in our community. To donate wine, funds, or volunteer, call 374-5243.

AMERICAN LEGION Post 178 holds their annual PASTA FEED on September 21<sup>st</sup> to raise funds to support their programs which benefit not only veterans, but also youth in our community. Have you noticed their snappy new sign? It was added as part of the renovation done to the building by Solano County... thanks!

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ST. BRIGID'S Episcopal Church OUTREACH PROGRAMS benefit from their PIZZA N TUNES N TOONS fundraiser at Hunter Hall on September  $22^{\rm nd}$ . Their outreach includes the Children's Clothing Exchange and support for local charities.

Have you submitted your Discover Rio Vista Magazine reader survey (available in the August  $23^{\rm rd}$  papers with our article)?

Please be safe and courteous on the roads this Labor Day weekend!