

## ONE SMALL STEP....ONE GIANT LEAP

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One foot in front of the other, one step at a time, a toddler emerges. It starts with risking that important first step. Poet David Whyte advises: "Start close in, don't take the second step or the third, start with the first thing close in, the step you don't want to take. Start with the ground you know; start with your own question; take a small step you can call you own." Inspired, others may join in to help you, each starting with their own first step on a journey you will take together. The things we have been able to accomplish at RioVision have started just this way.

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We are excited to share that about 25 volunteers including kids, parents, RioVision volunteers, and interested members of the community and local businesses, turned out for the October 28<sup>th</sup> workday at the Riverview Middle School Garden Project. Building on earlier steps of constructing and filling planters, installing a watering system, and raising a summer pilot crop, the volunteers graded around and between planters, laid down weed-barriers



(donated by Ace Hardware) and gravel (donated by Gomes Excavating), and put up a tool shed. Thank you, Jim Wheeler, for these photos – more can be seen on Instagram @discoverriovista. A temporary poster on the fencing near the garden acknowledges sponsors, donors, and volunteers. The cooperation of school and community is a giant leap for our youth, built with these small steps.

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Small steps, big dreams, and teamwork pay off again! Congratulations to Coach Patti, Ronni, and our PeeWee and Junior Midgets Jr RAM cheerleader teams, who have won their JAMZ league championship competitions for the third year in a row!!! You can find videos on Facebook @jrramscheer. RioVision also congratulates Soroptimist Student of the Month Austin Francis who was nominated by the RVHS Visual and Performing Arts Department. May each small step you take be one you can call you own.

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Our social media presence is growing, one step at a time, with 134 Instagram followers and counting. If you are on Instagram and would like to share your pictures of Rio Vista and local community events, please use the hashtag #discoverriovista. RioVision will be also publishing specific hashtags for identifying your photos of special events like the upcoming Holiday Home Tour 2017. You can add #discoverriovista (or a special event #) at the end of your Facebook posts to make them discoverable by hashtag searches as well. Beth Gallagher and Robie Williams of RioVision work with our social media accounts (@discoverriovista) on Instagram and Facebook. Come take a look!

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Want more information on the 2017 Holiday Home Tour on December 2<sup>nd</sup>? Check-ins for the seven home self-guided tour begin as early as 10:30am on that day. The Dutra Museum is included on the tour and Shea homes have also allowed us to decorate one of their model homes! Homes are open through 4:30pm. Tickets are available for the Tour or VIP Tour. The VIP Tour tickets add a riverside viewing of the Delta Marina's Lighted Boat Parade (although the number of these tickets is limited). A box lunch is available on either ticket for an additional charge. Find us on Facebook at Holiday Home

Tour 2017 or see our article in the November 1<sup>st</sup> news edition. Tickets can be purchased on line: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-home-tour-2017-tickets-38556854590> or at the Visitor Center or Pets 4 All. Questions can be sent via email to the event organizers at [riovistaholidays@gmail.com](mailto:riovistaholidays@gmail.com). Don't wait too long to get your tickets!

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Thank you to Chamber of Commerce President, Walt Stanish, for organizing and leading a fitting memorial ceremony for a beloved mayor, Norman Richardson, on the Promenade on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all who were present to honor him. In Mayor Richardson, we have lost a champion of many small steps that have carried our town in a big leap forward. May his memory inspire us to continue on this journey together.