



COMMUNITY BRIDGES
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Mountain Affair Returns

The 35th Annual Mountain Affair returns October 29, 2021 at 6 p.m. Join us for a night under the stars, Italian dining and fine wines at Casa Nostra's Ben Lomond Restaurant in the Redwoods.

Mountain Affair benefits Mountain Community Resources in Felton, which has played a central role in Community Bridges' pandemic aid and fire recovery relief work over the course of the last 18 months.

The San Lorenzo Valley community has always generously supported each other through volunteer efforts and donations whenever community members find themselves in need. But for many families the rebuilding and recovery process may take longer than expected.

This year's Mountain Affair is a long overdue opportunity to celebrate together while investing in our communities' future.

This year's event will include additional Covid-safety protocols to ensure we keep each other safe. Attendance will be limited to ensure social distancing is possible and all attendees are asked to submit proof of vaccination when purchasing tickets and temperature checks at the door. Please email it to info@cbridges.org once your purchase is complete.

The Maker's Market Silent Auction will also return this year with items available to bid both in person and via a virtual auction site. We encourage supporters who are unable to join us in person to participate during the online auction.

For tickets and auction details, visit communitybridges.org/events



Mobile Testing Now Open in Felton

Community Bridges is hosting a mobile testing site at Mountain Community Resources in Felton. The site is open Friday – Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 6134 Highway 9 in Felton.

The San Lorenzo Valley communities saw increasing Covid-19 cases over the summer due in part to the Delta variant. Following outbreaks that impacted several local businesses, the community sought to increase access to testing resources to help track and control the spread of the virus as schools reopened this fall.

In the sites' first weekend of operation it saw heavy demand. The site can provide up to 84 walk-up tests per day. The service is free. Individuals are encouraged to remain masked when outside their vehicles unless undergoing testing.

The site uses PCR tests. Individuals typically receive results within 48-72 hours.

How Does Our Garden Grow?



Well! As you may know one of Community Bridges tenants is healthy nutrition and education and we are so happy to see our Edible Demonstration Garden is off to a strong start. After allowing the hay bales that formed our garden base to cure in our Community Bridges “town square,” Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) staff planted honey dew, zucchini, strawberry, romaine lettuce, tomatoes and marigolds, which act as natural pesticides.

The Edible Demonstration Garden will provide a roadmap for gardens across childcare providers in three counties. Our CACFP program and Life Lab received grant funding to develop this work from the United States Department of Agriculture. The grant included \$48,000 to help 100-day care home providers with gardens of their own to foster greater agricultural and nutritional education while providing them access to healthy fruits and vegetables they can grow.

With additional seed funding from grants or donations, this program can grow to include more providers

throughout North Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. If you’re interested in sponsoring or supporting, please let us know.



How Many Mickeys Can You Count? – Supporter Spotlight

Kids at Highlands Park Child Development Center in Ben Lomond got a whole lot of Disney love this month when longtime Community Bridges donor Maurene Catto generously donated her stuffed Mickey Mouse collection to the San Lorenzo Valley center’s kids.

Maurene has been supporting Community Bridges longer than we’ve been keeping records, it seems.

That's more than two decades!

Her collection of 35 stuffed Mickey's in all sorts of

different costumes and sizes were "rehomed" at the Highlands Park center after more than a decade in storage. Thank you for sharing a little bit of the "Happiest Place on Earth" with our community and thank you for your many years of support!

Ray's Corner - A Day at the Park



Community Bridges employees, friends, and supporters were treated to a ball game earlier this month thanks to the generous support of the Oakland A's Community Fund. The Community Fund awarded Community Bridges \$2,500 to support its afterschool homework programs at Live Oak Community Center and Nueva Vista Community Center.

As part of the grant the A's also offered Community Bridges supporters tickets to catch a game – which the A's won handily 5 – 1 against the Chicago White Sox! We were even able to carpool using our agency buses to ensure we minimized our impact to the local environment and gave everyone an opportunity to be able to join us.

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