



## Experience a Night Under the Redwoods: Support and Celebrate Our Valley Communities!

We're thrilled to announce that tickets are now available for the **39th Annual Mountain Affair!** Join us on **Friday, October 25, from 5-9pm** at the **Highlands Park Senior & Community Center** in Ben Lomond for an unforgettable evening benefiting [Mountain Community Resources](#).

This year's Mountain Affair is more than just a celebration—it's a true community-unity event. We're hosting it at the very heart of our community, where Mountain Community Resources' parent organization, [Community Bridges](#), collaborates with the Highlands Park team to make a difference. Here, we provide nutritious meals and connection to local seniors through Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz and offer high-quality childcare through the Highlands Park Early Education Center.

This cherished event brings together community leaders, local businesses, and neighbors to support the vital services that make our valley strong. Enjoy an evening of fine cuisine, local wines, live music,



and a silent auction showcasing the best of what our valley has to offer.



*Mountain Community Resources serves at a one-stop shop for valley residents seeking help and support.*

### **A Critical Juncture for Mountain Community Resources**

This year's Mountain Affair comes at a crucial time for Mountain Community Resources. Limited funds are straining our ability to meet our community's mounting needs. Your participation is more important than ever to ensure we can continue to provide the following essential services:

- **Community Advocacy:** Bi-lingual, bi-cultural support for housing, employment, education, childcare, and more
- **Counseling:** Free counseling services through pre-licensed clinical counselors for youth, families, and individuals
- **East West Natural Health Clinic:** Community-based natural health clinics, offering health screenings, natural medicines, and acupuncture (by appointment)
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings twice a year, with free classes and materials
- **Food Distribution:** In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, we provide free groceries and nutritional guidance every Thursday
- **Parent Education:** Classes and one-on-one sessions on a variety of parenting topics, available in Spanish and English, funded by First 5 Santa Cruz County
- **Public Benefits Enrollment Assistance:** Help with enrollment and reporting for government benefits and services like Cal-Fresh, unemployment, MediCal, and CoveredCA
- **Showers, Laundry & Hygiene Services:** Complimentary access to showers, laundry facilities, and hygiene services, available Monday through Thursday by appointment

Every dollar raised goes directly toward providing these essential services to more than 1,000 valley residents, helping them meet basic needs, prepare for emergencies, recover from disasters, and build a brighter future.

### **Get Involved!**

- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** Showcase your brand and make a meaningful impact. [Check out our sponsorship packet for details.](#)
- **Donate an Auction Item:** [Contribute your products or services to our silent auction](#) and support the community you love.
- **Make a Direct Donation:** Can't make it to the Mountain Affair but want to help make the night a success? [Donate today](#) to ensure we reach our fundraising goal.
- **Volunteer:** Lend a hand and be part of the team that makes this event a success. Contact us about volunteer opportunities and help make a difference!

Don't miss this chance to celebrate and strengthen our valley communities. Purchase your tickets today and be part of something special!

For more information, sponsorship inquiries, or auction donations, please contact us at [donations@cbridges.org](mailto:donations@cbridges.org) or call 831-688-8840 ext. 205.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

GET TICKETS TODAY

BECOME A SPONSOR



## Join Our Triple P Parenting Classes!

We're excited to announce our upcoming Triple P parenting classes designed to support and empower you. Whether you're a parent of a toddler, young child, or teenager, we have something for everyone this month.

This month's Triple P Parenting Seminar Series is designed to support families with teens, providing essential tools for positive parenting. The sessions are virtual and are free and open to all families in Santa Cruz County.

Read on for more details about this series, and follow us on social

## IN THE NEWS

Key headlines from Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective and challenges impacting local children, parents, and families.

- [Is guaranteed income the answer to children's economic mobility?](#)
- [Residents impacted by CZU fires may be eligible for state's homebuyer loan program](#)
- [Live Oak School District, Community Bridges agree to long-term lease](#)
- [How Community Bridges' Family Resource Collective is partnering to break the cycle of evictions](#)

## Learn more about our Family Resource Collective Sites

- [La Manzana Community Resources](#)
- [Live Oak Community Resources](#)

media to read about all our other classes happening this month. We look forward to seeing you!

*All courses presented in English unless stated otherwise.*

## **September Triple P Parenting Seminar Series Virtual and FREE for all families in Santa Cruz County**

### **Session 1: Raising Responsible Teens**

*Wednesday, September 4, 2024 • 6 – 7:30 pm*

Encourage your teen's independence and responsibility by involving them in family decisions, fostering respect, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and nurturing reliability.

[Register Here](#)

### **Session 2: Raising Competent Teens**

*Wednesday, September 11, 2024 • 6 – 7:30 pm*

Guide your teen towards competence by nurturing self-discipline, problem-solving skills, routines, and supportive friendships.

[Register Here](#)

### **Session 3: Getting Teens Connected**

*Wednesday, September 18, 2024 • 6 – 7:30 pm*

Support your teen's social connections by fostering confidence, social skills, and caring behavior.

[Register Here](#)

## **Presented in English by Mayra Martinez, Community Bridges - La Manzanita Community Resources.**

Feel free to attend one, two, or all three sessions. Register to receive the Zoom meeting link for each seminar. For any questions, contact Mayra Martinez at (831) 288-2856.

- [Nueva Vista Community Resources](#)
- [Mountain Community Resources](#)

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## **Exciting Opportunity: Program Coordinator at Nueva Vista Community Resources**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Join us as a [Program Coordinator at Nueva Vista Community Resources](#)! In this role, you'll be the first point of contact for clients, helping them navigate essential services and support. You'll maintain an up-to-date resource database and assist clients with applications for health insurance, education, and employment.

But that's not all—this position offers a unique chance to focus on environmental justice. You'll play a key role in educating the Beach Flats, Lower Ocean, and greater Santa Cruz communities about crucial issues like sea level rise and climate change, and their impact on disadvantaged communities. You'll support general Family Resource Center programming while working with a dedicated team to provide comprehensive assistance and raise awareness on these vital topics.



Make a real impact by combining client support with environmental advocacy. Apply today and be part of a team that's shaping a brighter, more equitable future!

APPLY TODAY



### Job Fair Comes to Watsonville on Sept. 17

Are you in search of new career opportunities? Don't miss the chance to meet with local employers who are eager to connect with potential candidates like you! Join us for a dynamic Job Fair where you can explore various job openings, network with industry professionals, and take the next step in your career journey.

#### Details

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024
- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Watsonville Civic Plaza Community Room, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

#### Pre-register now:

<https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/xgj2ld>

This event is proudly co-sponsored by **Monterey County Works**, **County of Monterey**, and **Workforce Santa Cruz County**. Together, we are committed to supporting your career development and helping you find the perfect job match.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to advance your career —mark your calendar and pre-register today!

REGISTER TODAY

# Shape the Future: Join the County of Santa Cruz Youth Advisory Task Force!

The County of Santa Cruz recently announced the formation of its first-ever Youth Advisory Task Force! If you're between the ages of 14 and 24 and have a passion for making a difference in your community, this is your chance to get involved.

Apply now: [tinyurl.com/YouthAdvisoryTaskForce](https://tinyurl.com/YouthAdvisoryTaskForce)  
Application Deadline: September 20, 2024

Help shape the future of our community and make a meaningful impact. Submit your application by September 20 for a chance to bring your energy and ideas to the Youth Advisory Task Force!

## Join the Santa Cruz County Youth Advisory Task Force

The County is seeking teens and young adults ages 14 to 24 who have a passion for making a difference in their community to serve on the County's first-ever Youth Advisory Task Force.



### Why Join?

- Amplify the voices of teens and young adults.
- Build leadership, analytical & presentation skills.
- Help drive equitable change for teens & young adults.



APPLY TODAY

Deadline: September 20, 2024

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Show your support of Community Bridges and the Family Resource Collective by shopping at our TeePublic storefront! A portion of the proceeds of every sale go toward Community Bridges and the FRC!

BUY COMMUNITY  
BRIDGES MERCH



Our FRC team partners closely with the community and the entire Community Bridges network to ensure our participants gain access to resources that provide stability and foster hope for the future.

COME JOIN OUR  
DEDICATED TEAM



The FRC's work would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. From helping with food distributions to conducting community outreach, our FRC centers have a plethora of volunteer opportunities.

HELP YOUR  
COMMUNITY



**Our Contact Information**

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