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## **LOMA VISTA FARM CELEBRATING 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR**

VALLEJO - Loma Vista Farm is looking forward to celebrating its 30th anniversary in September 2004 with several fund-raisers.

In September of 1974 staff from Loma Vista School started what was to be come an award winning, nationally acclaimed farm and garden center. The farm has had a positive impact on thousands of children by increasing their understanding of educational concepts through hands-on lessons. Many a child has also stood taller, prouder, and more self-confident in their new responsibilities in caring for an animal or a plant. The community is to be commended for its commitment to a wonderful place that brings the excitement of learning and sheer joy to a child's soul.

In the farm's effort to stay open through these continued difficult financial times there are several fundraisers planned:

- **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction:** From 4-7 p.m., Feb. 22, Masonic Lodge, 101 Temple Way, Vallejo. Entertainment includes the Victor Raymond Band, Park and Ride Group Band, Hui Tama Nui, a Polynesian Dance Group, and Magic by Alex. The cost is \$15 per person. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available by calling 556-8765 or 553-1653.
- **Farm animal sponsorship:** The Barnyard Buddies program offers the opportunity to sponsor a farm animal by helping to provide for the animal's feed and care. Sponsoring an animal also makes a great gift. The sponsor receives a certificate of appreciation and a photograph of the animal.
- **First Mondays at Chevy's:** Chevy's Restaurant in Gateway Plaza will donate 20 percent of your meal cost to the farm on the first Monday of each month. Tell your server you are there to support the farm.

Volunteers are needed for workdays on Jan. 24, Feb. 28 and Mar. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Green thumbs and handymen are needed to help with farm upkeep. An adult must accompany children under 12.

The farm is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reservations are required for groups but parents may drop by any time with their own kids. For more information call 556-8765.