

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY REUNION COMMITTEE 33RD ANNUAL

VALLEJO JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL & PARADE

2023 Community Impact Report

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK - 11AM - 5PM









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The Vallejo City Council approves the official Juneteenth flag to be raised at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park during the entire month of June.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Through public-private partnerships, the primary focus of Vallejo Juneteenth is to provide access to free community health services, education, and employment opportunities through informative exhibits and social service resources that helps build healthy families and thriving communities. Visitors enjoy food, vendors, live entertainment, reflections by local historians, and recognition of change agents the community.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE

Attendance: 1,500 | Source: Placer.Ai

SPONSORS & COMMUNITY DONORS

Premiere Sponsor \$5,000

Kaiser permanente

Gold Sponsor \$1,500 - 2,500

City of Vallejo
Sutter Health
California Black Legislative Caucus
MCE Clean Energy
State Council on Developmental Disabilities
KDYA Gospel 1190
Crickett Wireless
Solano County Fair

Silver Sponsor \$1,000 - \$2,499

Recology Vallejo Mare Island Company Valero

Bronze Sponsor \$500 - \$999

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Beta Omega Chapter The Links, Inc. Solano County Chapter Vallejo Education Association Shriners Children's Northern California JP Morgan Chase

Community Partners - \$250 - \$499

Dave and Margaret Plump In Loving Memory of Kimberly Plump Love the Skin You're In Lanise Spann, Realtor, Cotton Realty Be the Match National Marrow Donor Program New Dawn Corporation San Francisco Bay Ferry Watson-Ellison Foundation

Media Sponsors

DST Vallejo Alumnae Chapter

Times-Herald
The Reporter
Daily Republic
KDYA Gospel 1190

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EXHIBITORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Health

La Clinica de la Raza Kaiser Permanente La Clinical of La Raza Sutter Health Foundation

Joseph's Heart

State Council of Dev. Disabilities
NuBirth Midwifery
Solano County Behavioral Health
Watson Ellison Foundation, Alzheimers

Dementia Awareness

Information

BrandGov

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Vallejo Alumnae Chapter

Developing Organizing Visions for

Everyone

Emmanuel Temple Church

Faith Food Friday

Fighting Back Partnership

Greater Vallejo Chapter of Jack and Jill

NAACP

National Pan Hellenic Council Solano

County

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Theta Pi

Chapter

SFARY Solutions for At Risk Youth

Child Start, Inc (Head Start)

Griffin Technology Academies

North Bay Speech Masters

Toastmasters

City of Vallejo Human Resources

Mare Island Toastmasters

The Bannaker Educational Foundation

Vallejo Firefighter Youth Academy

Vallejo Police Department

Community Connections

Greater Vallejo Recreation District Vallejo Police Department Citizen's Academy

Education

Hinton Barber College

Michael's Transportation Training

Solano Community College

Solano County Library

Vallejo City Unified School District

Vallejo Naval Historical Museum

Child Start, Inc (Head Start)

Griffin Technology Academies

North Bay Speech Masters Toastmasters

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Vendors

B & B Market Baskets
Blue Lotus Creations
Cricket Wireless
Gapelii Brand
Kelene Naturals
Leanna's Beauty Bar

Leanna's Beauty Bar Niala Organic Body Butter

Nubian Chic Design

Rich Aunties Closet Spoiled Kid Clothing

Toss & Throws

Touched by an Angel Vallejo Grocery Outlet

Ziva Naseer

Cousins Maine Lobster

Gramp's Creations

Kick Off Events Catering

Mama Shirley's Hot Diggity Dog

Noonie's Place

Nunus Desserts With Soul

Omega Reservoir Of Help Foundation

Rose's Baked Goods





For the first time, the festival included a parade to downtown.

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WHO WE ARE

The Solano County African Family Celebration Committee, also known as African American Family Reunion Committee (AAFRC), is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization created in 1989 to promote the national observance of Juneteenth marking emancipation for remaining enslaved Africans in Texas, and therefore the United States; to celebrate positive contributions of African Americans nationally and locally; and to promote a cultural connection of the observance as an opportunity to build strong communities through access to health/wellness, education, employment, and generational wealth resources.



AAFRC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gwendolyn White, President
Don Jordan, Vice President
Rhonda Richon Smith, Treasurer
Angela Jones, Secretary
Tosha Davis-Cotright
Derek Crutchfield
Loretta Gaddies
Lynette Henley
Nairobi Kenya
Sandra D. Stowes
Hazel Wilson
Margaret Plump, Advisor

The Vallejo City Council presented a proclamation to the AAFRC declaring the week of June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth Week.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The AAFRC organizes Vallejo's annual Juneteenth Celebration on the third Saturday in June to promote opportunities for access to free health care and education resources for families, youth, and children through partnerships with local non-profit and major health care providers. The committee shares this valuable information with the community through its network of volunteers serving on the African American Family Reunion Committee. This free event is one of the major annual festivals in the City of Vallejo and attracts 1,000+ visitors each year from across the Bay Area.

The overarching message is that Juneteenth is a time to celebrate our community's cultural diversity while promoting access to quality healthcare and education opportunities, and supporting local businesses, all of which help create healthy, thriving communities. The event is funded primarily by the generosity of sponsors, private businesses, nonprofit or community service organizations and philanthropic donors.