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## Kick Off Your Fall with the 6th Annual Hands4Hope Fall Festival October 14 & 15

The 6th Annual Hands4Hope Fall Festival at El Dorado Hills Town Center will be held October 14th and 15th this year, kicking off the Fall season with fun for the whole family. The event will run from 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 14 and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, October 15, and will be located on the amphitheater-side of the waterfront in El Dorado Hills Town Center.

This event is family-oriented and farm-themed, highlighting El Dorado County's diverse agricultural community with more than 15 games and activities for all ages, including a harvest obstacle course, hay rides, pumpkin decorating, and a dessert trot. The festival also features an animal meet n' greet with farm animals from Barnyard Animal Rescue Nest.

Entrance into the event is free. Carnival-style games and activities will run from \$1-\$5 each, with unlimited games wristbands available for only \$15. Hay rides, pumpkin decorating, and animal meet n' greet activities are purchased separately. All tickets and wristbands will be available for purchase at the event.

The Fall Festival is Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference's largest youth-led fundraising event. The youth committee leading this event consists of 20 middle and high school age participants. Since August, these youth have worked within four subcommittees to plan and prepare for this community event, with the goals of raising

funds to support Hands4Hope programs while gaining career skills and having fun along the way. Adult mentor volunteers and Hands4Hope staff work with the youth throughout the process, providing scaffolding and support. In addition to the Fall Festival Committee participants, adult and youth volunteers will fill more than 200 shifts to contribute to the event's success throughout the weekend.

Youth Operations Lead Navy Morrison shared, "Planning the Fall Festival this year has been a great experience and it has been so much fun to work on! We have been working hard planning this event to create a fun, enjoyable experience for all age groups with some new, fun changes this year!"

The Hands4Hope Fall Festival is sponsored by El Dorado Hills Town Center, Doug Veerkamp Engineering, AgreeYa, Fergerson Financial, McDonalds, Nugget Markets and ForkLift, OTAT Golf League, US Bank, 3 Generations, Datwyler Orthodontics, KidStrong Folsom, Marshall Medical Center, Onyx Realty, Priyanka and Naresh Angi, Shirley and Mike Maier, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, Lees' Feed, Umpqua Bank, and Western Sign Company. Their support is greatly appreciated.

All proceeds from the festival will benefit Hands4Hope - Youth Making a Difference's service-learning Education and Community Engagement Programs. Hands4Hope is a nonprofit organization that inspires and empowers youth in leadership and service. The organization was established in 2008 to provide youth the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills to be civic-minded and socially responsible. Hands4Hope reaches hundreds of youth across the region each year through on-campus clubs, after-school committees, and community outreach opportunities; and impacts thousands of individuals in need through youth-led service projects.

For more information on the Hands4Hope Fall Festival or Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, visit hands4hopeyouth.org or call 916-294-7426.

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Always a Fall Festival favorite, hay rides provided by Doug Veerkamp Engineering will be back again this year and are perfect for the whole family. [Link to photo]



Youth and adult volunteers will be offering more than a dozen carnival-style games, like this pumpkin bowling opportunity. [Link to photo]



This event is known for its creative and interesting activities, such as this "Crazy Hair Corral", which provides the opportunity for a fun and temporary new look. [Link to photo]

## **Events Calendar Listing**

October 14, 11 am to 4 pm; and October 15, 10 am to 4 pm - Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference's 6th Annual Fall Festival at El Dorado Hills Town Center Amphitheatre

Join the community for a fun-filled day of family-oriented games, activities, and delicious treats to celebrate the Fall season. Entrance into the event is free; individual carnival-style games cost \$1 to \$5, or unlimited games wristbands are \$15. Activities including pumpkin decorating, hay rides, and the animal meet n' greet are purchased separately. The Fall Festival is a significant youth-led fundraiser for the nonprofit organization Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.hands4hopeyouth.org/fallfestival">www.hands4hopeyouth.org/fallfestival</a>.