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Free Fair = Fun, Food, Workshops, Entertainment & New Community Connections

Organizers of the Community Connections Fair expect hundreds of Fluvanna residents to flock to Fluvanna County High School Saturday, MARCH 28 to enjoy food, entertainment, door prizes, informational workshops, activities for kids and adults, and exhibits by more than 50 Fluvanna nonprofits seeking volunteers. Admission and all activities are free at the fair from 10 AM-3 PM.

"We want this to be a fun event for all, and a chance for people who are looking for ways to help to connect with organizations that are looking for help," said Carol Tracy Carr, the Fluvanna County Community Volunteer Coordinator. The Fair is a joint project of Fluvanna County and the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group.

In addition to learning about the services and volunteer opportunities from more than 50 local non-profits, attendees can learn how to properly plant a tree from Fluvanna Master Gardeners, or how to build their hobby or small business into a bigger business. Kids can participate in an "All the World's A Stage" improvisation workshop presented by Fluvanna's Empowered Players. The Fluvanna SPCA will be doing pet adoptions. The Lake Monticello Rescue Squad will offer a hands-only CPR class and a "Stop the Bleed" class. For veterans there will be a holistic relaxation demonstration.

Additional FREE activities include: vision screening by the Rivanna Lions Club; a rain cloud activity for kids provided by local Girl Scouts; tours of a Lake Monticello Rescue Squad ambulance; seed activities for children by Master Gardeners; coloring for kids hosted by Habitat for Humanity; a Child ID Program by the Fluvanna Sheriff's Explorer Post 1918; and local Boy Scouts will demonstrate scout skills and games. Natural Steps Child Development Center will host a toddler area in the high school for tots to explore and play. High school students will guide the children, but parental supervision is required.

Door prizes at the Community Connections Fair include: a \$100 cash prize from the Rivanna Lions Club in a free Scavenger Bingo Raffle; another \$100 prize; a \$50 gift card from the Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation; A gift basket from Cunningham Creek Winery; Gift certificates from Mac's Auto Center, Natural Steps Child Development Center, Salon DeShano and Canine Concierge; A 20-pound box of fresh produce and eggs from Virginia Free Farm; Five boxes of Girl Scout cookies; A sample box of products from Herbert's Wine Jelly; Two tickets to an upcoming play by the Persimmon Tree Players; Two tickets to Fluvanna County Arts Council events; Four free tickets to Old Farm Day; and a one-year membership to the Fluvanna Historical Society, including publications.

No need to be hungry while making important Community Connections. Cash-only food options include: the Fluvanna High School PTSO will sell Krispy Krème donuts and Two Labs coffee; The high school Culinary Arts program will sell three box lunch options; And the Athletic Boosters Club will sell its usual fare, including pizza, Chick-fil-A and hot dogs. For a sweet treat, the Deere Horn's Homemade Ice Cream Truck will be at the event.

The Community Connections Fair is free and open to all county residents. More information on exhibitors, activities and prizes at tinyurl.com/CCF2020.