

## **Save Loma Vista Farm donations top the \$18,000 mark**

The total donations to date to the “Save Loma Vista Farm” effort are approximately \$18,000 since the fundraising efforts began in mid-February!

Here is a break down of the group/business donations to date:

- \$7,000 - Loma Vista School Parent Club (PTO)
- \$2,000 - Mare Island to Medusa Run
- \$2,010 - Chevy’s Vallejo
- \$1,000 - Elks Club of Vallejo
  - \$500 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 2376
  - \$500 - Wal-Mart community fund
- \$350 - Sherwood Forest 4-H
- \$130 - MOMS Club of Vallejo

Individual contributions so far, amount to approximately \$4,575.00, which include:  
\$500 in donations to the adopt an animal program called "Barnyard Buddies"  
\$403 in “milk can” donations, collected at the farm itself, and on Earth Day at the Vallejo Farmer's Market  
\$100 in COINS, collected by the students at Elsa Widenmann Elementary School  
The rest is made up of individual donations, mostly personal checks ranging in amounts from \$5 to \$200

### **OTHER FARM UPDATES:**

Our next fundraiser, Open Farm Day at Loma Vista Farm, will be held 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 3. Admission to the farm is free. In addition to the regular farm activities, there will also be various fundraisers: the 4-H will be selling hot dogs and drinks, a bake sale, greenhouse plant sales, pony rides, carnival games, photos with the Loma Vista, “Barnyard Bunny,” and if there are any left by then, there may also be some fruit trees for sale. Before hand, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., “Farmer Rita” LeRoy will also be conducting an Organic Gardening class for adults. Donations are welcome. Call the farm at 556-8765 for more information.

Ongoing fundraisers include the “Barnyard Buddies” animal adoption program, in which individuals, families, businesses, service organizations, or **any** group for that matter, can play an important role in the life of an animal at the Loma Vista Farm. Animals can be sponsored for a day, week, month or a year. The tax-deductible donation will pay for the care of an animal and conserve it's home. Among the farmyard animals up for adoption are a baby cow, three horses, a donkey and a barnyard full of rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, goats and sheep. The “Barnyard Buddy” will remain on the farm and its buddy will receive a certificate of appreciation and a photograph. Most importantly, every sponsor will know that they are directly helping preserve the home of our beloved furry and feathered friends at Loma Vista Farm.

May's Loma Vista Farm Chevys Fundraiser will be held on May 12 at Chevy’s in Vallejo. This month, due to Cinco de Mayo landing on the first Monday, the Loma Vista

Farm fundraiser will be held instead, on May 12, the second Monday of the Month. Chevys will donate 20 percent of your tab when you tell your server that you are there to support LOMA VISTA farm AND even more importantly, you write "LOMA VISTA" on your ticket and drop it in the fundraising bucket at the hostess station on your way out.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 644-1373. The remaining Chevys fundraisers for 2003 will be held on the following dates: May 12, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3 and December 1.

**AND THE BEST NEWS OF ALL:**

The most exciting recent event to take place on the farm is the return of Linda the Lamb, who was taken from the farm sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday morning. A huge thanks to another Vallejo Good Samaritan, Stanley McClanahan, who called animal control and the police on Saturday morning. Linda was found wandering the streets in South Vallejo, and brought back to the farm for a happy reunion with her mother Mocha and her twin brother Jerry. We are all happy to have her back home, at Loma Vista Farm, where she belongs.