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PARADISE CHOCOLATE FEST VIRTUAL CELEBRATION!

PARADISE, Calif. - The 2020 Paradise Chocolate Fest goes Virtual! Celebrating 15 years of “Sweetening Kids Lives”, the annual festival is filled with countless chocolate delicacies, musical entertainment, craft vendors and much more fun for all ages! Most importantly, Paradise Chocolate Fest delivers vital support to non-profit organizations that provide educational, enrichment, recreational and leadership opportunities to youth on the Paradise Ridge.

This year, despite the COVID-19 situation affecting the ability to host in-person events, **Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation’s “Paradise Chocolate Fest”** will continue to celebrate and bring people together, from across the region and across the world, via virtual / on-line festivities, August 1st thru September 12th.

The virtual Fest will allow friends and fans to join in the celebration, from their own homes, using social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube) and video, photography and web content.

Fest features will include virtual seminars spotlighting regional chocolate makers, chocolatiers and chefs sharing recipes and tips, fun-filled contests, musical concerts and more.

In support of Fest vendors, artists and authors will be a “Virtual Marketplace” featured on Facebook and the Paradise Chocolate Fest website (chocolatefest.us), along with links to their websites and online shops.

Paradise Chocolate Fest will also recognize sponsors, partners and “Friends of the Fest” who share Youth on the Ridge Community Foundation’s vision of supporting youth in our community.

The highlight of the virtual festivities will be the presentation of Grant Awards to this year’s beneficiaries on Saturday, September 12th via a Facebook live presentation.

Since its inception in 2006, Paradise Chocolate Fest has contributed over \$300,000.00 to Ridge youth programs and services. From scholarships to upgraded computers, sports uniforms, musical instruments, summer camp, swim & dance lessons, literacy mentors, leadership programs, vision screening, food banks and more, revenues ultimately reach out to impact the lives of thousands.

2020 Beneficiaries include – Achieve Charter School, Boy Scouts 316, Boy Scouts 770, Children’s Community Charter School, Cub Scouts 316, Cub Scouts 770, Girl Scouts, Gold Nugget Museum, Paradise Elks Lodge, Paradise Friends of the Library, Paradise High School Band, Paradise Host Lions Club, Paradise Junior Football, Paradise Piranhas Swim Team, Paradise Recreation & Park District, Paradise Rotary Interact, Paradise Stronger, Rainbow Girls and Ridgeview High School Rangers.

A complete virtual event schedule will be announced August 1st. For additional information, contact 530/342-4896 and follow the Paradise Chocolate Fest Facebook site to join the Fun!

