



Sierra Nevada Memorial
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Join the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation at the 20th Annual Health/Safety & Fire Preparedness Carnival

Grass Valley, 6/1/25 – The Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation is thrilled to participate in the 20th Annual Health/Safety & Fire Preparedness Carnival on **Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Rood Center. Organized by Gold Country Kiwanis and the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, this free community event aims to provide essential health, wellness, and safety information to children, families, and seniors in a fun-filled environment.

The Foundation will host a booth featuring its acclaimed **Read Me A Story Program**, which has been enriching young lives throughout Western Nevada County since 1998. This initiative has distributed over **65,000 free books** to children up to eight years old, fostering a love for reading and family bonding. At each pediatric visit, children receive a book to encourage family reading time, ensuring they are well-prepared for kindergarten and beyond.

“We are excited to bring our Read Me A Story Program to the Carnival,” said **Sandra Barrington, Executive Director of the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation**. “Reading at a young age opens doors to education, imagination, and stronger family connections. This event allows us to engage with the community and promote literacy alongside important safety messages.”

The Carnival will feature more than 70 exhibitors across nearly three acres, including first responders, hospital personnel, and emergency service demonstrations. Attendees can enjoy a free BBQ lunch, entertainment, gifts, and interactive contests throughout the day. We would also like to thank Suburban Propane for their generous support as a longtime sponsor of this event.

About Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation: Since its inception in 1984, the SNMH Foundation has played an integral role in enhancing the quality of healthcare in Nevada County through fundraising and community engagement. Past projects include the transformation of the Emergency Department, updates to the Surgery Department, and improvements to critical care access points, including helipad resurfacing and technology upgrades.



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