

Solano teens give time, talent to food bank fundraiser

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Alex Merodio, left, and Olivia Frenkel, right, are pictured with Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Executive Director Larry Sly. (Courtesy photo)

FAIRFIELD — Two members of Suisun Valley 4-H are again throwing their time and efforts to the food bank's Empty Bowls fundraiser.

The pair, Alex Merodio and Olivia Frenkel, want to make a bigger impact this year.

Frenkel received the Soroptimist International of Central Solano County Violet Richardson award earlier this year. It honors a young woman who is making a difference in her community. She is a senior at Rodriguez High school.

Merodio is a junior at Armijo High School.

Their goal is to have 500 participants. They helped double the participation rate last year from 201 in 2016 to 402 in 2017.

The event is from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Food Bank of Contra Costa Solano warehouse, 2329 Courage Drive, Suite F.

Each ticket-holder will pick a hand-thrown ceramic soup bowl made by a local artist. A simple meal of hot soup will be served in the bowl. The bowl can then be taken home to enjoy and serve as a reminder of the many empty bowls that cannot be filled in our community.

Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. Search in Fairfield for “Empty Bowls Fairfield Tickets.”

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