At the Tri-Valley Women's March 2020

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**Tri-Valley CAREs** was proud to table and march “for our rights” on Saturday, January 18. Locally, hundreds of people of all ages took part in the Tri-Valley Women’s March. The event took place at Amador Valley High School. Following the program, participants marched through downtown Pleasanton.

The marquee event also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The amendment empowered women to move closer to true equality, job opportunities, fairer wages, and education. It also encouraged women to run for elected office.

The 2020 Women’s March was filled with colorful signs, smiling faces, and activities for kids. Nonprofit organizations were eager to show their hard work and dedication, and individual participants expressed deep-felt frustration as well as their aspirations on a range of local and national issues.

Mary Perner, President of the Tri-Valley CAREs Board of Directors said she was struck by the number of young people, including many young women from Amador High School, who circulated around the nonprofit tables to learn about the different organizations and what they had to offer. The students showed keen interest in learning more about local initiatives to make the world a better and more equitable place for all. Mary continued: “There were a number of student groups listening intently to what we had to say about Tri-Valley CAREs. Later, as we marched, some of these same young people led us and joined the chanting.”

Teal McConn, also a member of Tri-Valley CAREs, specially enjoyed doing face painting for children and adults, and they all had fun as they chose symbols and colors to be painted.

Tri-Valley CAREs was honored to be able to celebrate all the accomplishments of women and girls. We recognize that there is much work to do ahead, but at the same time we were proud to see that more and more young people are speaking out and taking responsibility for the shape of the world to come. As the saying goes... “Another World is Possible!”