

Bauer Playground Ribbon Cutting (Dec 6th 2018) (published in Democrat A&E Dec 13-19, 2018.)



Pictured holding the scissors Gary Wegener (Woodland Rotarian), Lori Ross (Woodland United Way Director), and Karen Larsen (HHS Director)

There was a ribbon cutting for a new playground at the Yolo County Bauer Health and Human Services building at 137 N. Cottonwood Street on Thursday. The Woodland Rotary Club, with financial support from the other 9 Rotary Clubs in Yolo County, Rotary District 5160, County Supervisor Matt and Jenn Rexroad, and county employee contributions through Woodland United Way, completed construction of the facility. It is designed to support families with children receiving services at the

Bauer facility, as well as the general public. By using a community build approach with Rotarians augmented after hours by county employees and

other volunteers, and donated services from Laugenour & Meikle Civil Engineers, Kimzey Welding and Amos Metz, the Club was able to double the size of the play structure within the available \$42k budget. Additionally, Lori Ross, Executive Director of the Woodland United Way organized a giving campaign with County employees that funded a picnic table and benches for the site.

Rotary project coordinators Gary Wegener and Dan Stroski remarked that everyone involved was enthusiastic and supportive, knowing it was 'for the kids'. HHS staff were excited to see the playground open. Child, Youth, and Family Services Program Manager Laura Nielsen said "We are very grateful to the Rotary and United Way for their support of this project. This playground offers a safe option for children visiting our offices to engage in active outdoor play and has been a long standing need for our Agency".