

- Girl: Belen F. Age: 6**
- Suggested Donation Items:**
- Chocolate Easter Bunny
 - Bag of plastic eggs
 - Jelly Beans
 - Wrapped Easter Candy
 - Markers/Colored pens/Stickers
 - Book
 - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
 - Comb/Brush
 - Shampoo/Soap
 - Socks
 - Lip gloss/nail polish/hair accessories (for girls)
 - Sports ball, supplies, etc (for boys)
 - *Optional items to bless the foster families*
- Target gift card (\$10-\$15)
Gift cards for restaurants or grocery stores

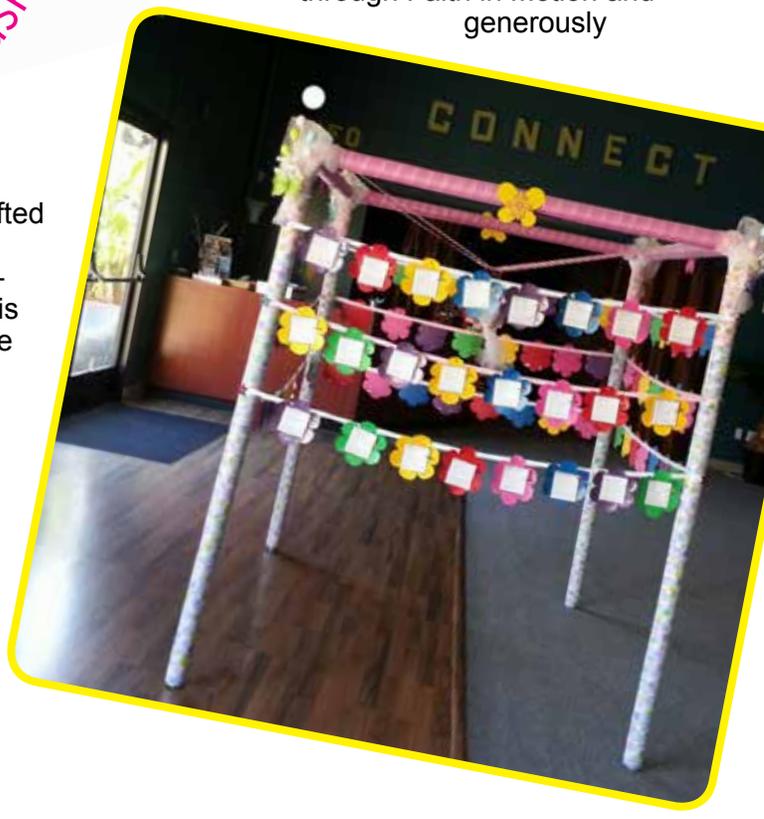
newsong church brings baskets, smiles to children

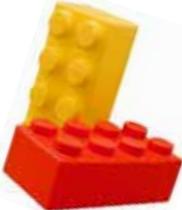
gifted over 125 Treasure Boxes this past Christmas to the children. They have also put together backpacks for back to school, lent their campus to the agency for special events such as the annual foster parent holiday banquet and the annual Faith in Motion luncheon.

Newsong, along with many other core Faith in Motion partners, has helped numerous families last year and continues to support our children and families in tangible, concrete ways. Many thanks goes out to everyone at Newsong Church for their compassionate hearts and commitment to serving Orange County children and families.

Chocolate bunnies, jelly beans and colored eggs filled with even more candy are staples to any Easter basket. Socks, shampoos, soaps, toothpastes, and toothbrushes will also share center stage as essentials in 100 Easter baskets that will be assembled by the congregation at Newsong Church in Irvine.

For the third year, Newsong Church will gather baskets, grass and all the above mentioned goodies for children in foster care. Each basket will be made for a specific child. Newsong has been heavily involved with Children and Family Services through Faith in Motion and generously





Christopher, age 15, is a very charming, articulate and engaging young man. He also has a very playful side to him and has a wonderful sense of humor. He likes to read, play video games, go to museums, watch action movies, and play with Legos and cars. Chris is very sociable and likes to play with his peers. He is very polite with adults as well.

Christopher's greatest wish is to be part of a "nice family who will care for me and not hurt me." He does best in a very structured and consistent environment. Christopher would need a family that is able to work with him to overcome his challenges. He would be most comfortable in a family where he can be the only child, but he does not mind having siblings that are close in age or older than him.

Be sure to view Christopher's poignant video featured in the "Change a Child's Life" segment from The Children's Action Network (www.ChildrensActionNetwork.org).

If you are interested in providing Christopher with the loving, permanent home that he deserves and longs for, please contact the Adoption Matching Coordinators, Margot Umemoto at (714) 704-8945 or Elizabeth McConnell at (714) 704-8944. Christopher will add joy and laughter to any family lucky enough to have him in their home.



meet christopher



operation s.o.s. hosts family skate event



Faith in Motion partner, Coral Feliciano and her team from Operation S.O.S. (Save Our Souls), hosted their first outreach event in February; family skate. Held at The Skate Depot in Cerritos, Feliciano invited families from her community and Children and Family Services to enjoy an afternoon of pure fun. "We started the outreaches to build healthy relationships with these kids and their families and to show them that there is a company of people that care and love them. It is a time to have fun and to just be a kid," said Feliciano. Kids were being kids...and so were the caregivers. One foster mom said it had been quite a while since she had so much fun. "The atmosphere was electric with excitement. We embraced each other like family. To foster parents everywhere: you are truly amazing. Thank you for all you do," said Feliciano. Watch out for details on the March event.

services for youth

The Orangewood Children's Foundation (OCF) is a private, non-profit agency located in Santa Ana that provides support services for current and former foster youth in Orange County. OCF offers programs designed to help youth become independent and successful adults. Some of our programs are highlighted below. Note: some restrictions and eligibility requirements apply for each of our programs.



Children's Trust Fund (CTF): Current and former foster youth may qualify to receive funding for a college scholarship, school and work related expenses, extracurricular activities, driver's education training, living expenses, and much more as a recipient of a CTF grant.



Independent Living Program (ILP): Current and former foster youth can also benefit from ILP by participating in independent living skills workshops, completing take-home activities and receiving one-on-one guidance by being matched with an independent living specialist.



Orangewood Resource Center (ORC): Caregivers may bring foster youth to the ORC to receive one-on-one assistance with employment, education, housing, and valuable independent living skills. Youth may also receive support with food, basic hygiene items and laundry.



Rising Tide: Rising Tide is a transitional housing program for motivated, goal-oriented youth looking to live independently while receiving one-on-one assistance in areas of stable housing, finance, employment, and education.



OCF Mentor Program: Current and former foster youth may participate in the OCF Mentor Program and be matched with a qualified, adult mentor for additional support.

To learn more about OCF's programs, visit our website at www.orangewoodfoundation.org. For questions about OCF's programs, please feel free to contact the OCF program assistant at (714) 619-0240 or by e-mail at asong@orangewoodfoundation.org.

from one caregiver to another

The Courts do, in fact, look forward to and appreciate feedback from caregivers. The information you provide offers the Courts a more complete understanding of what would best serve your child. For the sake of your unique situation, please take the time, every six months, to complete and return the questionnaire sent to you by Social Services included with the Notification of Hearing. The form is entitled "Caregiver Information Form" or "JV-290," and is an avenue for you to have your voice heard at Court. There are current efforts within Social Services to raise further awareness of the form and to encourage caregivers to provide their own information about the children in their home to the Courts. Your input is valued!

Carole Pei

Orange County Foster Parent

now taking applications

Rancho Santiago Community College District, Early Head Start program, is currently accepting applications to serve low-income families and foster and relative caregivers in the city of Santa Ana for their program. The RSCCD Early Head Start program is comprised of two options:

-  A home-base program - a weekly home visit for 90 minutes and two monthly socializations with a parent educator.
-  A full-day, center-based program - at Santa Ana College Early Childhood Education Center.

Parents and caregivers must bring the following along with completed application: verification of parents' income for the 12 months using either pay stubs, W2 form, IRS form, letter of verification or AFDC notice of action; child's birth certificate (for home-base infant/toddler program); and proof of Santa Ana residency.

For more information about the programs and the services offered and for qualification questions, please call (714) 480-7547.

2013

foster, adoptive & kinship families
conference: reaping a beautiful harvest

may 4

mariners church, irvine
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

registration
materials will be
mailed out in
march.



Family Support Services Boys Town

Boys Town offers several programs to provide assistance in a variety of youth, parent and family areas. In-home family services are also available to help families stay together.

Parenting Workshops: Common Sense Parenting workshops will build on existing skills. Parents and caregivers will learn new ways to deal with their children's behaviors. Common Sense Parenting is offered at no cost to any parent or caregiver of children ages 13 to 18 who reside in Orange County.

Community Support Groups: Groups provide support through sharing personal experiences, listening to and accepting other's experiences, providing sympathetic understanding, and establishing social networks. Families will also learn how to connect with community resources to meet their needs.

Peer Mentors: Peer mentoring connects trained peer mentors to families with a member who has developed or is at-risk of developing a behavioral or mental health problem. Through weekly contact, peer mentors provide information and individualized instructional and emotional support for families.

Family Matching: Family matching focuses on creating helpful, peer-to-peer relationships between families with a member struggling with mental or behavioral health issues and trained volunteer family mentors who have had similar experiences. Matched families will have an opportunity to attend monthly events with other families to increase support.

All programs are available to families throughout Orange County at no cost. For more information, call Boys Town at (714) 532-2399.

La Habra Family Resource Center

**Free Spanish Support Groups for
Relatives Raising Children**

**Grupos de Apoyo para Parientes
Criando al Hijo de un Familiar**

Join us and meet other families who are raising children who are not their own. Receive and give emotional support and information on community resources!

Acompáñenos y conozca a otras personas que están criando al hijo de un familiar y reciba y brinda apoyo emocional. Reciba información sobre recursos en la comunidad. Cada primer miércoles del mes. ¡Habrà cuidado de niños! Llame para apuntarse al (714) 447-3460.

La Habra Family Resource
Center

301 W. Las Lomas Dr.
La Habra, CA 90631
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meets every first Wednesday
of the month
Call (714) 447-3460 to sign up.

Foster & Kinship Care Education



The foster and kinship care education program at Saddleback College provides quality education and support opportunities to caregivers of children in out-of-home care. The free classes are designed to assist the caregivers in meeting the children's educational, emotional, behavioral, and developmental needs.

In order for foster parents to meet their annual eight hours of training, monthly classes are offered throughout Orange County. To view classes, visit www.saddleback.edu/fkce or call (949) 582-4884 to request a class catalog and to register for classes.

foster care auxiliary



The Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County is a proactive group of foster parents, relative caregivers, social workers, and community members dedicated to working together to provide high quality care to dependent children, foster parent support, legislative advocacy and continuing education.

If you are not a member, consider joining today and receive our monthly distribution of new products to help you in your endeavor to foster children.

Looking for the best deals around? Shop our Thrift Store! Bring your friends and neighbors and help support programs and services for foster families. Don't forget to also donate your gently used items to the store.

For more information, please visit www.foster-careaux.com. To join, call (714) 778-3383 or e-mail FosterCareAux@yahoo.com.

Relative Support Services Available

Olive Crest's "Relatives Raising Children" is a Kinship Support Services Program, funded by the California Department of Social Services, to provide support services to any relative caregiver or non-extended family member caring for someone else's child in Orange County. Juvenile court dependency is not required.

Because we care about your family, we offer kinship support groups in English and Spanish throughout the county. If you are a relative caregiver or you know one needing support, kinship related information or if you want to help in some way, please contact us at (714) 543-5437 or visit our website at www.olivecrest.org/kinship.

El Programa de Olive Crest "Criando al Hijo del Pariente" es un programa de servicios de apoyo para personas que están criando a niños de la familia. El programa está financiado por el Departamento de Servicios Sociales de California, para proporcionar servicios de apoyo en el Condado de Orange.

Los grupos de apoyo del programa están disponibles en inglés y español en varias partes del condado y se enfocan en las necesidades específicas de familias que están criando a niños de la familia. Si usted es padre de crianza de un niño de la familia o conoce a alguien que esté buscando este tipo de apoyo e información relacionado al programa, o si usted quiere ayudar de algún modo, por favor póngase en contacto con nosotros llamando al (714) 543-5437 o visite nuestro sitio web en www.olivecrest.org/kinship.



summer camp



Camp Alandale has been providing a summer camp experience for foster children since 1980. Thousands of foster children have attended this Christian camp designed exclusively for them with one counselor for every two campers.

The children will enjoy sleeping in tents, cooking, swimming, hiking, crafts, Bible studies, campfire programs, and much more. Transportation is provided to and from the camp which is in the mountains near Idyllwild.

All the children who attend camp in the summer are invited back for a weekend in the winter and they will be invited back twice a year, every year, until they graduate from high school, no matter where they are living. The only cost is a \$5 registration fee.

Get registration information and forms at: www.CampAlandale.org
E-mail: matt.pritchett@CampAlandale.org
Phone: (951) 659-5253



2013 Sessions

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| 1. | 4-6th Grade | June | 17 - 21 | Monday - Friday |
| 2. | 4-6th Grade | June | 24 - 28 | Monday - Friday |
| 3. | 7-9th Grade | July | 1 - 5 | Monday - Friday |
| 4. | 7-9th Grade | July | 8 - 12 | Monday - Friday |
| 5. | 7-9th Grade | July | 15 - 19 | Monday - Friday |
| 6. | 7-9th Grade | July | 22 - 26 | Monday - Friday |
| 7. | 10-12th Grade | July | 29 - Aug 3 | Monday - Saturday |
| 8. | 10-12th Grade | Aug | 5 - 10 | Monday - Saturday |
| 9. | 10-12th Grade | Aug | 12 - 17 | Monday - Saturday |



women's therapy support group

LHD, INC. Psychology Services is pleased to partner with The Foster Care Auxiliary. Discounts available for caretakers in Foster Care Auxiliary families

Description: This is a process group designed to help each member learn how to re-claim their lives by learning the skills to eliminate the effects and symptoms of life/trauma and by replacing with multiple modalities for self care within the supportive environment. Groups now forming for April 2013.

Cost: \$40/week or \$160/month
2140 W. Chapman Ave., Suite 253
Orange, CA 92868
Office: (714) 264-9446; Fax: (714) 538-7680
www.lhdinc.net
lhdinc1@gmail.com



Feeling frustrated?
Not sure how to manage your child's behavior? We're here to help!



PARENT TO PARENT is a 10 week course at no cost for parents and caregivers designed to help you:

- Understand and manage your child's development
- Find positive approaches to parenting
- Communicate effectively with your children
- Learn helpful parenting skills to deal with challenging behavior
- Develop relationships with other parents in your community



Class Information

SIGN UP NOW

- Open to parents and caregivers with children ages 0 to 12 years of age
- All services are provided in English and Spanish
- The course is offered in various locations throughout Orange County
- **FREE** child care at select locations

For more information or to sign up for a class please call toll-free at:
1-855-955-5900
Parent2Parent@
BrightFutures4Kids.org

Funded by Orange County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, Prevention and Intervention Division, MHSA/Prop. 63

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