



Faith in Motion and community give during holidays

A BIG thank you to the following for providing gifts:

Chapman Hills Elementary School - adopted 14 families for Christmas

Christ Our Redeemer - provided nine Christmas Treasure Boxes

City of Yorba Linda - adopted 10 families for Christmas

Congregation Or Ami - baby clothes/diapers/Duffle Bags of Love

Convergence Church - adopted 10 families for Christmas

Irvine Presbyterian Church - blankets

Newsong Church - Christmas Store for over 300 children

Orange County Quilters Guild - quilts and Christmas stockings

Orange Cub Scout Troop - adopted three families for Christmas

Orange Hills Assembly - provided 35 Thanksgiving food bags/30 Christmas Treasure Boxes

PJs from Heaven - pajamas/blankets

Rose Drive Friends Church - adopted a family for Christmas

Sound Chapel - provided five Thanksgiving meal baskets

Stitches from the Heart - knitted blankets, beanies and hats

Terry and Holly Kim - Christmas gift cards

The Orphan Campaign - Christmas gifts

The Rock - monthly performances/Christmas play

How grief turned into action

By Roylyn Burton
Community Program Specialist

Over the years, the Recruitment and Development Unit has met some amazing people with huge hearts to serve our children and families in care. Each person has their personal story and reasons for reaching out and helping. One such story is truly an inspiration to anyone who has suffered loss. Meet Sharon Aldrich.

Sharon is a teacher in Laguna Niguel and started PJs from Heaven in November 2011. Eight years ago, Sharon lost her son, Tom, in an off-duty accident. He was an officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. "I was trying to deal with Tom's death and I began donating the number of new pajamas he would have been in age to an agency every Christmas," said Sharon.

In 2011, Sharon contacted Inner Circle Foster Care Agency in the Antelope Valley; Tom is buried in the area. "It wasn't until I spoke with Inner Circle that I realized I had the opportunity and ability, being a teacher in a large district, to really make a difference in the lives of children," Sharon said. The first collection was at Sharon's school and they gathered 411 pairs. Last year, the effort grew to 28 school sites and 8,147 pairs were collected. This year, 42 schools participated and a grand total of 11,202 pairs of new pajamas were collected. "It is important to me that the pajamas are new with tags as I want these children to know that it is just for them and not a hand-me-down. Through grief and loss, PJs from Heaven was founded," said Sharon.

This past December, our children were the recipients of this tremendous effort. Thank you to Sharon for her dedication. Because of her desire to honor her son, our children are honored as well.

Resource Family Recruitment, Licensing and Development welcomes two new additions



Brent Payne is the supervisor in Foster Care Licensing after Jim Deming moved to the Recruitment and Development unit in late summer. Brent brings a sharp and legal-oriented mind and a great sense of humor to Foster Care Licensing. Brent began his career in the Permanency Services Program then transferred to Specialized Family Services in Investigations. He was promoted to supervisor in the Integrated Continuing Services program. Brent's knowledge and previous experiences are of great value to Foster Care Licensing. "I have always worked with group homes and foster homes so I thought I knew a lot more than I really did about Foster Care Licensing when I arrived. There is still a lot to learn," Brent said. In his free time, he enjoys playing hockey, basketball and reading science fiction.

Angelica Zikoor joined the Recruitment and Development unit after Juan Herrera's retirement in early January. Angelica is the Spanish Trauma Informed Parenting trainer and resource parent recruiter as well as a Faith in Motion liaison. She has been with the county for 14 years and worked in Specialized Family Services, Diversion and Foster Care Licensing. Before coming to the county, Angelica worked for Aspira Foster Family Agency in San Jose, Florence Crittenton in Fullerton and Latino Family Services in Detroit, Michigan. She looks forward to working with the Latino community and being able to recruit the best foster parents that will meet the agency's needs.



People wanting to help found at Black History Parade

By Amy Huynh, Recruitment and Development Intern

The Black History Parade was founded in 1979 by Helen M. Shipp. Shipp was originally from Florida where community events such as parades were more common. She wanted to bring that same spirit to her local community when she moved to California. The first parade was held in 1980 in the neighborhood around her house in Santa Ana, from Monte Vista to Sullivan, to Willits to Raitt, and back to Monte Vista. The community would come out to watch the parade from their houses. The parade became a family and community reunion for all the Black families that once lived in the original areas. As it got bigger, it moved to Civic Center by the Santa Ana Courthouse and now is held in Downtown Anaheim. The parade has influenced the community by instilling pride, promoting unity and introducing culture.

The Recruitment and Development unit hosted an information booth during this year's parade on Saturday, February 1. The event attracted many people and the unit experienced great success in spreading the word about Faith in Motion. Twenty people were interested in learning more about the different ways they can help foster children in Orange County. Overall, the turnout was great and the unit was successful in finding many potential resources for our foster families and children.

New pre-service training curriculum to debut

By Robert Waddington, Recruiter/Trainer

The Recruitment and Development unit is excited to introduce the Orange County Trauma Informed Parenting (TIP) Series; a pre-service training curriculum for prospective foster and adoptive parents. This new, nine-week series will replace the existing PRIDE training. The core curriculum is from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and will be supplemented with local material.

The focus of TIP is on trauma because many children in foster care have lived through traumatic experiences and they bring their traumas with them into the resource homes. These experiences affect children's behavior, feelings, relationships, and world views in profound ways. The experience of trauma can be broadly categorized as: acute, chronic or complex. The core curriculum utilizes case studies of children ranging in age from 8 months to 15 years to illustrate these issues and the impact that they have on children.

Experiencing long-term trauma can interfere

with children's healthy development and affect their sense of personal safety. It can also impact their ability to trust others, their ability to manage emotions and their ability to navigate and adjust to life's changes. Children's reactions to trauma will vary in response to a variety of factors; such as age and developmental stage, temperament, perception of the danger faced, trauma history (the cumulative effects), adversities faced following the trauma, and the availability of adults who can offer help, reassurance and protection.

Understanding what trauma is and how it has affected the children in care makes it easier for resource families to communicate more effectively, achieve desired behavioral goals, improve the children's mood and attitude, obtain necessary help and resources, and reduce the risk of compassion fatigue. To learn more about trauma informed parenting, visit Saddleback College Foster and Kinship Care Education's website at www.saddleback.edu/fkce.

Relative support services available

Olive Crest's Kinship Support Services Program is excited to introduce new opportunities for our relative caregivers. In addition to our three existing support groups, we are pleased to announce three new locations. Olive Crest Kinship clients, with advance registration, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Based on responses from our relative caregivers, we have been working to expand our support groups throughout Orange County to better serve you. Although the group structure varies based on the specific needs of each group, all of our support groups offer opportunities to connect, share and hear about information based on topics of interest and concern to kinship families.

Other workshops and family-focused group activities and events are planned in order to help support kinship families. All services are free of charge. There are also some great opportunities for caregivers to share their time, knowledge and experience to volunteers or to serve as mentors in outreach and assistance to other kinship families.

For more group information, please contact our kinship advocates, Edith Lozano (Spanish), at (714) 543-5437, ext. 1145 or edith-lozano@olivecrest.org or Rose Valenciano (English) at (714) 543-5437, ext. 1230 or rose-valenciano@olivecrest.org. For general program inquiries, contact Helen Lindsey, program director, at helen-lindsey@olivecrest.org.

New locations!

Minnie Street Family Resource Center and Kennedy Elementary School in Santa Ana will host a support group for Spanish-speakers on the fourth Monday of each month. This is our first daytime group from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tustin YMCA will host this English-speaking support group on the last Friday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mission Hills Church in Mission Viejo will host an English-speaking support group on Friday evenings. Specific dates and times for this support group will be available soon.



Meet Felicitas and Maria

Felicitas and Maria are two beautiful, fun-loving sisters who are bilingual in English and Spanish. They are social, active and sweet girls who have always lived together.

Felicitas, the older sister, is 13 years old. She likes to listen to hip hop and rock music and she also likes to sing and dance; but is initially bashful when doing so. She enjoys engaging in outdoor activities and loves soccer. She was an awesome forward player on her previous soccer team! When she is indoors, Felicitas likes to read ghost stories. She is also teaching herself how to play the guitar. Felicitas describes herself as pretty active, doesn't get mad easily and speaks her mind.

Maria, the younger sister, is 12 years old. She likes to listen to all types of music. She enjoys watching TV and going to the movies. Maria likes to be active and especially loves going to the beach and hanging out with her sister. Maria describes herself as a good student and a nice person. She also described herself as a confident leader.

Felicitas and Maria are longing for an adoptive home. They would like a fun-loving family who shares their same sense of humor, as well as their culture. They especially would like to engage in family activities together. Maintaining contact with their siblings is very important to them. Felicitas and Maria are in need of a permanent home with a supportive base filled with love, laughter and stability; where they can grow to their fullest potential.

Please be sure to view the Children's Action Network video of Felicitas and Maria at www.childrensactionnetwork.org/fosters.htm. If you are interested in becoming a forever family for Felicitas and Maria, please contact the Adoptions matching coordinators, Sydney Holt at (714) 704-8944 or Cynthia DeSurra at (714) 704-8945.



Camp Alandale

By Matt Pritchett, Director

If someone asked me to describe Camp Alandale in four words they would be Love, Joy, Compassion, and Patience. Ten years ago it would have been a different story. The first time I was asked to come to Camp Alandale as a counselor I was terrified. I thought to myself what would I do with a group of Foster Children for a week. Well a love for Abused children grew in my heart over the next 6 years, and today I am the director of Camp Alandale not just one of our wonderful counselors.

Camp is a special place full of shouts of joy and tears of healing. It is a place where kids who never got to be kids - get to be kids again.

One camper who sticks out in my mind is named Alissa. Alissa came to camp afraid. She was afraid of new places and new experiences. She had never been to the mountains before and was fearful of everything. She had a hard time joining in the games, crafts, hiking, and swimming, much less the singing and bible study times. But that all changed. There is always a "but" at Camp Alandale. We get to see kids that are afraid, come to life once they know that they are in a safe place where they are loved unconditionally, we get to see kids that are angry at life and those who have hurt them so deeply freed from the chains of anger and forgive those who have hurt them.

Well Alissa's moment happened around the campfire on Wednesday night. After our time of singing we give an open invitation to share to any camper who would like to come and share with the group. Alissa took one of the seats in front of the small group of 24 campers and 12 counselors. She began to share her story, a story we have heard so many times at Camp, but

a story so personal to her, her story of abuse. The stories are so hard to hear, and for many of the campers it may be the first time sharing in a setting like Camp. Tears streamed down her cheeks as she shared in sobs what had happened to her. But those tears were like great drops of water melting away from a heart that had been frozen in pain so many years ago; and the sobs were sobs of healing. It was like a great burden she had been carrying was thrown off her shoulders with each sob. The yoke that had been on her shoulders had been removed and she was able to forgive. She came alive the next morning, and she has never been the same since. I can't always explain how things work at camp, but I know they do. Alissa came back for winter and summer camp until she graduated from High school and she is still that same girl who came to life.

REGISTRATION

Please contact us directly for registration forms or visit our website at www.campalandale.org.

COST & SPONSORSHIP

The only cost is the \$5.00 registration fee which can be waived if needed. We just want to make sure that your child will come to camp if you are going to reserve a space.

PROGRAM DATES – 2014

1. 4-6th Grade June 16 – 20
2. 4-6th Grade June 23 – 27
3. 7-9th Grade June 30 – July 4
4. 7-9th Grade July 7 – 11
5. 7-9th Grade July 14 – 18
6. 7-9th Grade July 21 – 25
7. 10-12th Grade July 28 – August 2
8. 10-12th Grade August 4 – 9
9. 10-12th Grade August 11 – 16

***GRADE – Register your child using their fall 2014 grade.**

Are you on voluntary hold?

By Michael Manchester, Foster Care Licensing

We continue to move forward with full integration of the Quality Parenting Initiative, including the California Partnership Plan for Children in Out-of-Home Care. We are making many strides with this initiative which benefits our foster children, resource parents and those of us who work for Social Services Agency.

The plan is designed to articulate a common understanding of the values, principles and relationships necessary for children to have normal childhoods as well as loving and skillful parenting. Within this plan it is stated, "All of us are responsible for the well-being of children in the custody of our child welfare agency; as a valued foster parent, together we undertake this responsibility in partnership." We recognize and honor the need for foster parents to take a time-limited break from accepting the placement of children into their home.

If you have been on a voluntary hold for more than six months, we will be reaching out to you to secure a future date that your home will once again be open to the placement of a foster child/ren. This will allow more foster homes to be available to our foster children. And if you have been on hold and would like to release that hold, please call your licensing worker and ask them to begin the process.

Foster Care Auxiliary

The Foster Care Auxiliary always strives to offer the most services, trainings, events, and products to our foster families.

Available to our members:

- Computers for Foster Students Program
- Support Group
- Lending Library of Foster and Child Care Related Material
- Baby Gear Lending Program
- Foster Parent Training Opportunities
- Fun Family Events
- Scholarships
- Birthday Corner
- Monthly Distribution Days of New Items Obtained from Community Resources
- Thrift Store with Deeply Discounted, Used Donations
- A network of Foster Families Available for Support and Help

Visit our web site or contact us if you are interested in joining!
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www.FosterCareAux.com

Annual Conference for
Foster, Adoptive &
Relative Caregivers

Save the Date!

**Saturday, May 3
Mariners Church
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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.

Join the board

The Foster Care Advisory Board meeting is held every other month on a Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 800 N. Eckhoff Street in Orange. Attendees include licensed foster parents and Children and Family Services Management Team members and discuss training opportunities, events, budget, and other information regarding the care of foster children. For more information, please contact Joanna Hussey at (714) 704-8255 or e-mail Joanna.Hussey@ssa.ocgov.com.

Upcoming meeting dates:

May 28, 2014

July 23, 2014

September 24, 2014





Free Spanish Support Groups for Relatives

La Habra Family Resource Center

- Meet other relatives who are raising children for a family member
- Receive and give emotional support
- Receive community resource information

La Habra Family Resource Center
301 W. Las Lomas Dr.
La Habra 90631
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Every 1st Wednesday of the month.
Child care is provided.

To register, call (714) 447-3460 and press 0.

Grupos de apoyo para parientes criando al hijo de un familiar.

Acompáñenos y conozca a otras personas que están criando al hijo de un familiar.

- Reciba y brinda apoyo emocional
- Reciba información sobre recursos en la comunidad

Habrá cuidado de niños.

Llame para apuntarse al (714) 447-3460 y oprima 0.

Cada primer miércoles del mes.

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.

Cost: \$40/week or \$160/month
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Families and Communities Together, also known as FaCT, is a network of 12 Family Resource Centers (FRC) located throughout Orange County's highest-risk communities providing essential family support services, education and resources.

Family Resource Centers:

Each FRC is a family-friendly, community-based site that provides access to comprehensive prevention and treatment oriented social, educational and health services for all families, including birth, blended, kinship, adoptive and foster families. FRCs serve as vehicles for engaging local residents and community organizations in the identification and resolution of community concerns related to raising healthy children. Every FRC is unique to its community; services are offered by multicultural and multilingual staff that reflect the surrounding neighborhoods and the families they serve.

Services Provided:

(Core FRC Services -Services are offered at all FaCT funded FRCs)

- Counseling
- Parenting Education
- Family Advocacy/Case Management Support Services
- Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment
- Community Resources and Referrals
- Comprehensive Case Management Team

Additional FRC Services:

(Services vary across FaCT funded FRCs)

- Family Health & Wellness
- Family Economics & Self-Sufficiency
- Child Development Activities
- Emergency Assistance
- Family Literacy and Education
- Adoption Promotion and Support

Locations:

Anaheim Harbor Family Resource Center
819 S. Harbor Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92805
Phone: (714) 399-0590
Fax: (714) 399-0595

Corbin Family Resource Center
2215 W. McFadden Ave.
Suite G
Santa Ana, CA 92704
Phone: (714) 480-3737 ext. 0
Fax: (714) 543-4947

Friendly Center Family Resource Center
147 W. Rose Ave.
Orange, CA 92967
Phone: (714) 771-5300
Fax: (714) 771-7627

Anaheim/Fullerton Family Resource Center
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Santa Ana, CA 92705
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South Orange County Family Resource Center
23832 Rockfield Blvd.
Suite 270
Lake Forest, CA 92630
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(714) 347-0300

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Child Health & Disability Program (CHDP)
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