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Performing Artist & Producer of Children's Television, Foster/Adoption Parent Educator

As a Gold Parent's Choice Award winner, I am dedicated to performing and teaching youth. I have created numerous characters and inspirational programs for children and teens.

Especially for children, I have developed programs and acted in segments, PSA's & created community classes/workshops that plant seeds of motivation which inspired students to communicate and contribute to society.

I am a trainer for caring professionals and caregivers who serve young people in foster care plus I produce and write advocacy materials which are distributed nationwide.

Experience

CMCM Community Media Center of Marin 2007 - present

Producer and talent for teen specials, day field trips & workshops at the media center. Teach youth to create content to express themselves with enthusiasm and to articulate their passions. My sessions teach students to speak up and we create videos and public service announcements. This instruction highlights the development of essential tools for communication skills, raising self esteem and positive self expression.

"Mixer Coordinator and Hostess" for events produced for the TV station. These mixers assisted community members brainstorming to build quality programming, social involvement and team building skills.

Jewish Community Center 1997 – present

Developed specialty camps utilizing the expressive arts of theater, dance, music, and creative writing. Created live shows with participants of the camp for performances. Drama specialist to expand participant's talents.

Camp to Belong 2021

Created teen leadership workshop for this camp which provides activities for siblings who have been separated in foster care. Videographer & documentarian of the daily activities at the camp.

Fostering Families Publication 2022 to present

Author of youth enrichment articles, foster program advice, and building tools for family cohesiveness.

"Your Future is Bright" Presenter 2022 to present

Presenter and trainer for resource parents, social workers, and youth. This training is available to educational settings and on zoom.

Advanced Foster Care Virtual Retreat by Dr. John Degarmo - 2022

Presenter for this online retreat, which offered support tips and guidance for caring professionals and youth in care of the Department of Youth and Family services in the foster system.

Podcast Producer and Talent

2022

Author of "The Children I Have Loved" eBook and Podcast

State Dept. of Education

2002 – 2004

Trained professionals in the field of education to learn skills to communicate with non-English speaking youth. Keynote Speaker Migrant Education and Early Childhood Development.

National Mental Health Association

2008

Keynote speaker for mental health professionals. Spoke on how to teach troubled youth how to build self esteem and face emotional complications by using the expressive arts.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Volunteer

1996 - present

Mentor for "3 Little Sisters" plus assisted the families of these girls with additional resources to achieve positive outcomes and communication for their children.

KD Fox, On Air Cartoon Hostess, Fox TV, Fresno, Ca.

1989 - 1993

I was involved with television in the San Joaquin Valley for many years in between children's programming and worked in media which captured the hearts of over 65,000 followers. I hosted live remotes for the television station and performed at fairs, malls, and public events. I developed a tender approach and even the shyest of students respond to me. Numerous schools in migrant education used my abilities to help their students build language skills and self esteem. I befriended "at risk" youth and guided them into positive directions in life via the arts. Mental health professionals, educators and social workers were astonished by my ability to connect with youth that were traumatized. I was awarded state, national and arts grants to implement my programs in the San Joaquin Valley.



Therapeutic Foster Home Founder "Soft Landings"

1981 - present

Provided a safe and caring home to youth who had backgrounds in abuse and neglect. Many of these young people struggled with suicidal tendencies, drug problems, and human trafficking involvement. Some of these youth had been institutionalized for emotional conflicts. This foster home provided them with alternative ways to cope with life. Management of life conflicts were offered in a caring, creative, and nurturing environment. This home currently provides respite services.

San Joaquin Valley School Programs

1977 - 1993

School Assemblies, Performance Workshops, Classroom Education, In-service Training for staff and parents, Individual Sessions for Youth. Self Esteem Development and Communication Skills for students. Numerous schools in migrant education turned to me for my ability to help their students build language skills and self esteem. These programs utilized my skills with performing arts in combination with creative writing and music.

Independent Producer, Instructor Special needs Youth

1977 - present

Trains autistic youth on the spectrum to make eye contact, express themselves and appear in shows. Trains youth with severe medical disabilities express themselves.

Education

College of Marin

California State University, Fresno, CA.

Studied Dance Therapy, Children's Theater

Recognition Awards

Gold Parent's Choice Award

Business Woman of the Year, Fresno, Ca

Special Arts Festival Artist participant

State Assembly Award

Marin Community Foundation Special Recognition Foster Parent