

## Life Lessons and More



Over the past few weeks, the group home boys have been very busy with life skill activities and high profile outings. These activities give our boys educational experiences and life lessons that will last a life time.

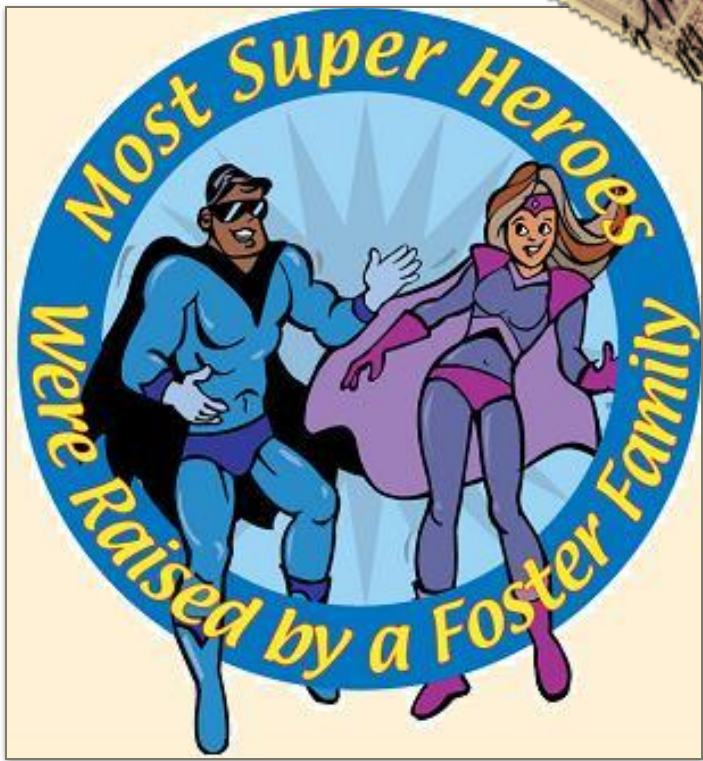
The boys living at the Almklov House put together their first garden. This was an engaging outdoor activity that allowed all the boys to participate. From selecting their vegetables at Home Depot, preparing the earth, planting and the fun of getting dirty, our boys learned valuable lessons about patience and team work. Similarly, teaching our children to cook is a powerful learning experience too. The boys participated in a baking class at the group home. They all had the opportunity to make their own baked pies and one of the boys made lasagna. Children who know how to cook understand what goes into food preparation and teaching our boys to cook helps prepare them for the future.

In addition to life skill activities, the boys also traveled to the South Bay to Sports on the beach. These sporting events included football, beach volleyball, soccer and basketball. All the boys had a blast competing against one another and working together on teams. At the end of the day, there were no losers. Everyone was a good sport and enjoyed the moment.



# Save the Date

The annual KBYH foster parent and volunteer appreciation dinner will be held at Hodels from 6:00-8:00PM on June 11.



## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**May 10, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Prudent Parent Standard" with Jessica Mosley

**May 17, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

**July 12, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Trauma Informed Care" with Carrie Wombacher

**August 17, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

## Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Monday of the week of training):

**CPR/1st Aid Recertification** (*for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training*): First Thursday of every month from 10:00am-Noon and from 6:00-8:00pm.

**CPR/1st Aid-Initial Course** (*for those who have never had the training before*): First Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:00am-3:00pm.





**Child Birthdays**

- May 3: Halen W
- May 7: Alexandria C.
- May 9: Paige G.
- May 25: Samora M.
- May 28: Andrew G.
- May 29: Johnathan C.



KBYH's annual FFA Easter party was held on April 8 at Skateland on Ming Ave. As always, a big thank you goes to the volunteers from AT&T's Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers who provided the egg dying activities and bunny



costume. Thank you also goes to the good folks at Skateland for use of their facility for this event. It was good to see so many of our families participate in this fun event.

**Foster Parent Birthdays**

- May 6: Frances Cortez
- May 13: Graciela Padron

**KBYH Staff Birthdays**

- May 2: Keisha Davis
- May 11: Joe Ortega
- May 13: Tienna Ortiz
- May 14: Reggie Phillips
- May 21: Nicole Juarez
- May 24: Ronny Copeland
- May 28: Nestor Sanchez

**KBYH Staff Anniversaries**

None





## Foster Children of the Month: Rhiannon W.

We take great pleasure in presenting Rhiannon W. as this month's Child of the Month. Rhiannon is a well-mannered, polite, bubbly and cheerful little girl who is happy in her placement with Ms. Mayes. She is proud of her room which is decorated with many toys. Rhiannon is too young to attend school so she spends much time playing with her brother and dog. Rhiannon enjoys doing things with her caretaker who is soon expected to be her adoptive mother. When not with her mother, Rhiannon spends time with her aunt who provides a preschool setting for Rhiannon. We wish Rhiannon the very best the future has to offer her. Congratulations Rhiannon on your selection as Child of the Month.

## Foster Family of the Month: Jose & Sylvia Martinez

KBYH would like to congratulate our newest "Forever Family." On March 24, 2017, Sylvia and Jose Martinez adopted their son, Jose Guadencio Martinez Chacon. Congratulations Martinez Family!



## Social Worker/Professional Spotlight: Carrie W.

KBYH would like to congratulate our very own adoptions social worker Carrie Wombacher for passing her licensing exam. Carrie has worked hard to complete all the education and pass all the exams necessary in order to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. We are proud of Carrie in this very significant accomplishment. Congrats Carrie, LCSW!





# SAFETY

As parents, we want to keep our children safe from harm.

Take steps to keep your children safe:

- Install the right child safety seat in your car
- Teach children how to cross the street safely
- Make sure they wear the right gear and equipment for sports
- Install and test smoke alarms
- Store medicines, cleaners and other dangerous substances in locked cabinets
- Babyproof your home
- Don't leave small children unattended

*-Taken from: Medline Plus Website*

