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Hope for Foster Children

In a spontaneous collaboration of folks from the Art Council of Kern, (who paid for the artist), the Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club (who paid for the paint and supplies), the Golden Valley High School Interact Club, which is supported by the BBRC, and Kern Bridges Youth Homes, a charming and moving message was conveyed via a cement wall Mural, done by the artist who works under the moniker Alex G (@artbyalexg) on Instagram.



The message is one of hope for Foster Children.

The idea originated in our “Building B” where there is a wall with Butterflies on it. On each one of the butterflies there is a child’s name and a date. That’s the confirmation that they are not a “Foster Child” anymore. That’s the date they were adopted.

As the kids come through our building, they walk by that wall and are reminded of the hope to maybe one day see their name up there. The outdoor mural shows children who are chasing but have yet to catch a butterfly. You can see the happy hope on their faces.

Our volunteers hope this mural might motivate some people to look into being resource parents for one of our little “butterfly chasers”.



ISFC “Minute”

KBYH Resource Parents have been trained and are highly encouraged to parent our foster youth using Trauma-Informed Care (TIC). TIC understands the impact of trauma on our youth. It allows us to recognize the signs and symptoms of the trauma and teaches us to respond in a manner that supports the child without re-traumatizing the youth. It teaches us to look at the “why” of the youth’s behavior instead of the “what,” which allows us to treat the trauma instead of disciplining the behavior. For more information on Trauma-Informed Care, please contact Carrie at 661-396-2352 or carrie@kernbridges.com for upcoming trainings.

Upcoming Trainings

May 15 & 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
“New Foster Parent Training” with Carrie Wombacher. RSVP to carrie@kernbridges.com

May 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
“Managing Aggressive Behavior” with Mark Dominguez. RSVP to mark@kernbridges.com

June 5, 9:00 -11:00 am
“Crisis Intervention” with Bianca Ruiz. RSVP to bruiz@kernbridges.com

CPR/1st Aid

CPR and First Aid trainings are on an as needed basis at this time. Contact your KBYH Social Worker if you need to renew your certification.

ISFC Training & Support Group

Trainings are open to any Kern County approved ISFC Resource Family. RSVP to Carrie Wombacher carrie@kernbridges.com

“Cultural Awareness”
May 25, 2021
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

“Medication Administration”
June 22, 2021
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MAY

Child Birthdays

- Jonathan O. 19 18 years
- Mackenzie P. 21 13 years
- Roman R. 22 15 years
- Journey L. 24 14 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- Frances Cortez 6
- Mary Ybarra 13
- Jenifer Royer 18
- Pablo Reyes 19
- Edward Matthews-Vega 20
- Luiirelys Mirena 21
- Montana Gutierrez 23
- Gerado Matthews-Vega 31

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Keisha Davis 2
- Joe Ortega 11
- Saxton Zachary 11
- Reginald Phillips 14
- Amanda Woods. 18
- Sharon Harmon-Fry 21
- Ronny Copeland. 24
- Ryan Buck 30



KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Marina Hernandez 8 4 years
- Willie Smith 10 4 years
- Amanda Wood 27 2 years

Birthdays



JUNE

Child Birthdays

- Isael O. 7 11 years
- Isaiah D. 8 11 years
- Jackson M. 8 4 years
- Marcelino O. 18 15 years
- Alissa M. 24 15 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- Carlos Caudillo 3
- Timi Mongold 4
- Loana Lugo-Juarez 9
- Haleigh Boss 19
- Maria Carillo 21
- Daniel Quintino 27

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- James Boston 9
- John Bacon 31



KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Vernetta Carter 11 15 years
- Robert Carter 14 21 years
- Donte Williams 16 15 years
- Mark Dominquez 29 12 years
- Cindy Perry 30 1 year



SAFETY

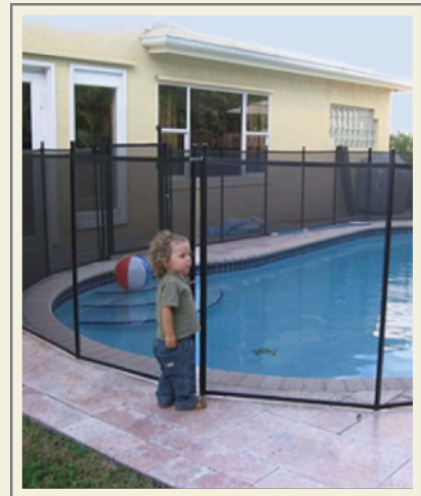


Child Passenger Safety

Car crashes are the [leading cause of death](#) for kids and young adults from ages 1-24. Properly securing kids in car seats, booster seats and seat belts can protect them in the event of a crash. NSC offers tools and tips on [keeping your children safe on the road](#).

Water Safety

Many are aware of the importance of safety around pools and at the beach. Parents also need to supervise their children near bathtubs. Most drowning or near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub. Distractions make for tragedies, and [the younger the child, the greater the risk](#).



Childproofing

[Learn the highest risk areas](#) for unintentional injury and death in and around your home. Take steps to “childproof” your home and be sure to extend your efforts beyond toddlers. Develop a home safety plan, and practice different ways to get out of your home. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Taken From: *nsc.org*

Child Spotlight: Jose M.

KBYH is proud to recognize Jose M. as the Child of the Month. Jose is a 17-year-old senior at Independence High School. He resides in the Caudillo home and plans to participate in the AB12 program when he turns 18 in August. Jose is respectful and has a great sense of humor. He enjoys spending time with his family and is very helpful with household chores. Jose has worked really hard to ensure he would graduate on time and his recent grades speaks to his hard work. He has a GPA of 3.6 and we are so proud of him.

Keep up the great work!

*Honor Students of
Robert F. Kennedy
High School-all from
the same home!
Congrats to these
students and great
job Viramontes
family!*

