

Wishmas Trees

It's that time of year again! KBYH Wishmas Trees have been delivered throughout Kern County. This program is designed to focus on our foster children who reside in the group homes who do not have family to provide for them. We are very grateful for the support of individuals who take time and purchase these gifts every year. Please consider visiting one of the businesses listed below and look for the KBYH tree!



- Beautologie
- Borton & Petrini
- Village Grill
- Chevron Valley Credit Union
- First Solutions
- Kwik Signs
- Golden Valley High School
- Lorene's Coffee Shop
- Mauricio's
- Pappy's Coffee Shop
- TooFat Sandwiches
- Walter Mortensen Ins.
- Young Wooldridge AG Wise
- Tina Maestas
- Penche Dance Academy
- AG Wise
- The Bridge Church
- Premier Equipment Pros. Inc.
- J&M's Café
- County Council
- Wasco Church of God
- Daniells Phillip Vaughan & Bock
- Stinsons
- Halliburton
- Premier Medical Associates
- Wilson Paves & Associates
- PG&E
- Bakersfield Signs
- JD Food Supply
- Komin Medical Group





KBYH Group Home Youth Give Thanks to Veterans!

Earlier this month, KBYH Group Home youth attended the Bakersfield Veteran's Parade to give thanks to those who have served and protected our country. We would like to take this time to recognize those Veterans who currently work at Kern Bridges:

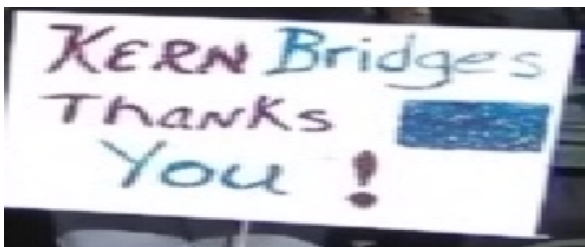
- KBYH CEO John Bacon, USMC
- KBYH Group Home Social Worker Mark Dominguez, Army
- KBYH FFA Social Worker Joe Ortega, USMC and Army
- KBYH Director of Finance Michael O'Doherty, USMC, Army
- KBYH Childcare Facility Manager Alfredo Hernandez, Army
- KBYH MSW Intern Adelina Moran, Navy

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"In our time of need, you fought for us. You sacrificed all your pleasures of daily life to serve your country. I salute you. You show bravery, hope, courage, and loyalty and set a wonderful example for all kids today. Sometimes, I wonder how you must have felt throughout your trip. You must have missed your family yet also made a new one.

Thank you for your service that you have done for us."

-Very thankful citizens



Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

December 5, 6:00-8:00PM: "Cultural Competency & Best Practices with LGBTQ Youth" with Jennifer Robbins.
RSVP to 396-2322

Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Thursday prior to the training to 661-865-2352):

CPR/1st Aid Recertification (for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training): First **Monday** 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.

Open House

Thank you to those who attended the KBYH open house on November 14. We always enjoy an opportunity to engage with our community partners and meet new people. Thank you also to our staff who worked hard to make it all come together: Jennifer Robbins, Marina Hernandez, and Ruth Jackson.



Introducing...

ISFC

Intensive Services Foster Care is a new KBYH program intended to serve children/youth who require intensive treatment and behavioral supports. The goal is to ensure that youth in foster care receive the services they need in a home-based family care setting or to avoid or exit a short-term residential therapeutic program or group home. The program requires specially trained resource parents and professional and paraprofessional support. ISFC comes with very aggressive compensation for the resource family as well as support to assist the family in providing this high-level service. Resource parents who are interested in providing this service should contact Jim at 661-396-2360 for further information.

Child Birthdays

- Noah S. 8 years
- David O. 15 years



Resource Parent

Birthdays

- Stephanie Martinez: December 3
- Frank Cortez: December 4
- Elias Gil: December 5
- Tracy Dozhier: December 16
- Michelle Trujillo: December 26

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Dominic Rutherford: December 5
- Donovan Rutherford: December 5
- Sulma Navarro: December 6
- Rachel Garcia: December 14
- Anton Freeman: December 15
- Bibi Carrasco: December 27
- Kathy Irwin: December 30
- Ronnie Wofford: December 31

KBYH Staff

Anniversaries

- Ruth Ann Jackson: 13 years
- Reginald Phillips: 12 years
- Karina Garcia: 4 years
- Marco Richard: 2 years

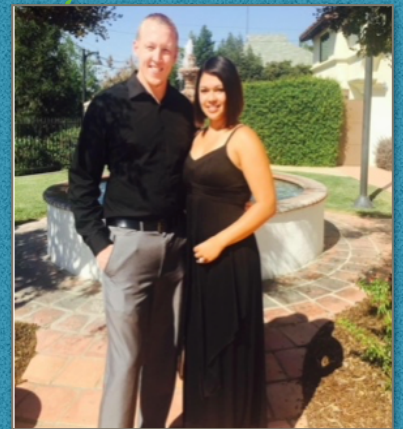


Foster Youth of the Month: Ambria G.

Ambria resides in the Carrillo Resource Family Home. She resides in the home with her foster sister and two brothers. Ambria is a quiet but friendly young girl who enjoys socializing with friends and relatives. She also enjoys attending school and participating in the after school programs. Ambria enjoys participating in activities such as video and computer games and playing outside, and occasionally, she enjoys homemaking. Ambria enjoys participating in activities with her foster mother and foster sister who is also the Alternate Caregiver. We wish the very best for Ambria this next year, and we look forward to a wonderful and safe school year. Congratulations Ambria.

Resource Family of the Month: Farewell Family

KBYH would like to introduce our newest Resource Family, Jesse and Yaqueline Farewell. Jesse and Yaqueline reside in Bakersfield, CA and are currently seeking a male or female child from the ages of 3-7 years of age. Jesse and Yaqueline are a young and eager couple ready to become parents to a child in need. Thank you for taking the steps necessary to become certified and for being willing to open your home and hearts. Welcome to the team!



Community Partner Spotlight: Lee Felix

Lee has been with DHS for countless years, feverishly meeting the countless demands for her time. We're not sure what her job title is, all we know is, she's at every event taking masterful pictures, attends multiple committee meetings to ensure the reprographic needs are met, creates and makes custom posters, labels, banners, signs, and the like, and does all of this and more with a smile and great sense of humor. KBYH would like to thank Lee for all her hard work and her spirit of collaboration. You're the best Lee!



AB 2247

A new California Assembly Bill goes into effect on January 1, 2019. AB 2247 changes the expectations regarding a 7-day notice. Historically, resource parents have had the right to give a 7-day notice if they felt that they were no longer able to continue a foster placement. AB 2247 requires that a 14-day notice now be given, and that within those 14 days, a Child and Family Team Meeting will be held in order to determine if the placement can be preserved. Therefore, effective 1/1/19, KBYH will require that unless placement termination is urgent and needed immediately, resource parents will be expected to give a 14-day notice.

Safety Notes

Child Safety

The job of protecting kids most often falls to parents and caregivers, and it is up to them to familiarize themselves with safety risks in and around their homes and communities. Once you know the risks, you can take steps to plan for safety.

Teen Driving

A teen's biggest safety threat is sitting in the driveway. Half of all teens will be in a car crash before graduating from high school. Teen drivers who continue to practice with their parents increase their chances of avoiding a crash.

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.