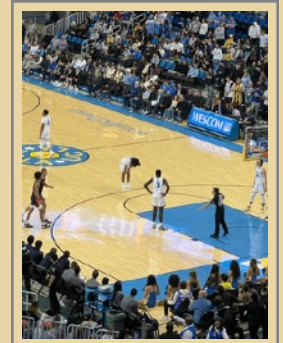
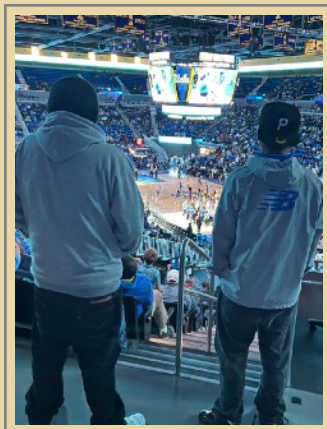
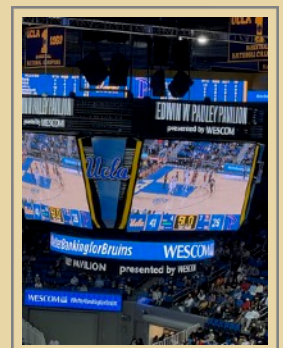
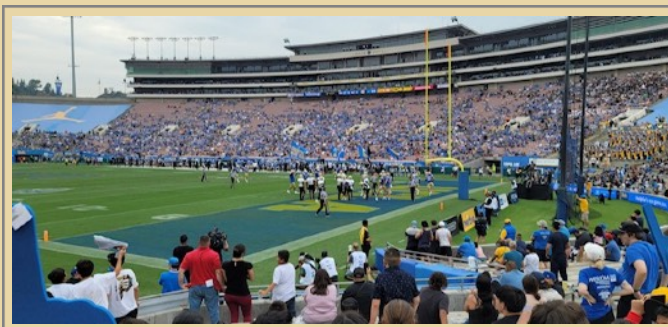


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More Than Just A Game

Last month the boys living in our STRTP's had the opportunity to attend two UCLA sporting events. The first was a basketball game, UCLA vs Pepperdine, and second event was a football game, UCLA vs Arizona. What is awesome about college athletics is that every sport from the main ones such as football and basketball, to the less talked about sports like swimming or golf, bring enthusiasm from many around the school and from fans like our boys and staff at Kern Bridges. What is even more exciting that you see nowhere else is when it is rival week in college sports. This is what brings the school together on a whole different level. It becomes more than just a school community and more of a family atmosphere. What makes college sports so amazing is how many opportunities it brings to athletes everywhere. There are so many sports and so many schools that if you really want to play, there is always an opportunity out there. Nonetheless, by attending these college events with our boys, we hope to inspire them to attend college one day. The future may seem uncertain, but college will help our boys discover their career path that matches their interests and motivates them to become the best version of themselves later on in life.



I'll be home for Christmas!

They will be missed, but not forgotten. One of our supervised visitation families was reunited with their mother this month just in time for Christmas. Three of the most joyful and sweet children that always wanted to please their parents. Eric, Jamie, and Gianna would arrive to their visit, all smiles and excited to see their parents. Eric would take the stage and sing to dad while the others would sit next to dad loving all the attention they received from him and SVP staff. We were all pleased to hear that the children were reunited with their loving



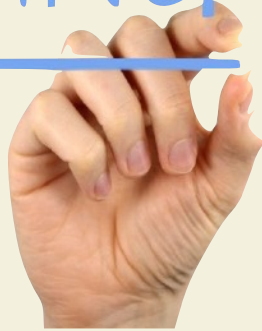
For those of who don't know ISFC is Intensive Services Foster Care. We are a program who offers support to families and youth who require extra support to help stabilize placement for at-risk and medically fragile youth! ISFC is approved as a temporary service to address any challenges that may jeopardize placement, these services include an ISFC team, and a higher reimbursement rate. If you would like more information on how you can become an approved ISFC home, please contact Marina @ (661) 742-3330 or email marina@kernbridges.com.

National Adoption Day

On November 18, Kern County celebrated National Adoption Day. The day included a celebration of over 40 foster-adoptions and included partnerships with fellow agencies, DHS, CASA, the Bakersfield Angels, and Bakersfield Christian High School. KBYH was proud to participate in this event and support the ongoing work of creating forever homes.



TRAINING



Upcoming Trainings

December 7, 6:00-8:00 pm

**“Cultural Competency & Best Practices with
LGBTQ Youth ”**

with

RSVP to marina@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 marina@kernbridges.com

“ISFC Orientation Recap”

December 20, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dinner provided (but no childcare)



Youth Spotlight: Nathaniel

Nathaniel (Nate) S. is 14 years old and resides in the home of Edward and Jerry. He has resided in the home for a little over a year and has steadily shown growth as a person. During his time in the home, he has become open and communicative in his feelings and emotions. He shows a great deal of responsibility and care for his siblings, especially his younger siblings. Being placed with one of his siblings has helped in building this relationship along with the relationships with his other foster siblings. While going through this growth he has managed to maintain above average grades in school. This has allowed him this school year to skip 8th grade and begin 9th grade at Highland High School. He has had some adjustment with high school but continues to do well academically. Through this past year and present, Nate has learned to accept responsibility and move forward learning with the support of his resource parents.



KBYH Staff Birthdays

- 12/3 Stephanie Martinez
- 12/18 Avian Newsome
- 12/20 Leidy Paramo
- 12/28 Lori Lockard
- 12/30 Kathy Irwin
- 12/31 Brittany Limon
- 12/31 Shannon Martinez
- 12/31 Ronnie Wofford

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- 17 Years Ruth Jackson
- 16 Years Reginald Phillips
- 3 Years Mary Arrirage
- 3 Years Ryan Buck
- 3 Years Avian Newsome



*Happy
Birthday*

Happy Anniversary



Child Birthdays

- 12/6 Noah S. 12 years
- 12/9 Mercedes 17 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- 12/4 Frank Cortez
- 12/26 Michelle Trujillo

Resource Parent Anniversaries

- 9 Years Mohesly Palencia & Hugo Hernandez
- 4 Years Jenifer Royer





Toy Drive & Shopping

Saturday, December 17, 2022
Starting at 9am to 3pm

Grace Baptist Church
2550 Jewetta

Come out and donate a toy to the abused and neglected children of Kern County

Finish up your Christmas shopping with our wonderful vendors, you will be able to find that right gift for that person who is hard to shop for.

This event is to help Kern Bridges Youth Homes to make sure all the children in foster care have a Christmas too.



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



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