

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Thank you to all the partners who helped make countless wishes come true this Christmas season.



- Pappy's Coffee ShoP
- Village Grill
- SC Anderson Inc
- Walter Mortensen Ins.
- Motor City Buick GMC
- WSM Auctions

- Daniells Phillips Vaughan & Bock
- Borton and Petrini LLP
- Young Woolridge LLP
- Wilson Paves and Associates (which is now Tolman & Wiker Insurance Services)
- Beautologie Cosmetic Surgery & Medical Aesthetics
- Cushman & Wakefield
- J&M's Café
- The Mortgage House
- Vivint Solar
- Motor City Lexus
- Halliburton
- Kern County Council



Frontier High Christmas donations

Thank you to the AT&T Golden Empire Telephone Pioneers, who provided Christmas gifts for all of the KBYH FFA youth. AT&T has been a partner for over 30 years and we appreciate their on-going and continued support.



Beauty and Wonders of Christmas at Kern Bridges!

There are plenty of reasons why they say winter is the most magical time of the year for children. From secret Santa to delicious food to bringing in a new year, what's not to love? Our (KBYH) greatest joy during this time of the year is to see the youth living in our STRTPs smile from ear to ear when they receive unique charitable Christmas gifts. As one of our kiddos stated, "This was the best Christmas ever, I got everything I asked for and more".



To all of our donors, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your gift donations. The kindness and generosity during this Christmas were much appreciated. All those who helped with our Wishmas Tree donations and gift collections really made Christmas memorable, sensational, and one-of-a-kind. A famous peace activist once said, "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it". All of you are obviously both wise and virtuous. Please accept our sincere thanks for volunteering your time and efforts this Christmas, your generosity benefited countless others and your support won't be forgotten.

A big Thank You! to the Bakersfield Angels for treating our Resource Families to amazing gift baskets full of treats, games, gift cards, and various other items to recognize all the hard work they do day in and day out.

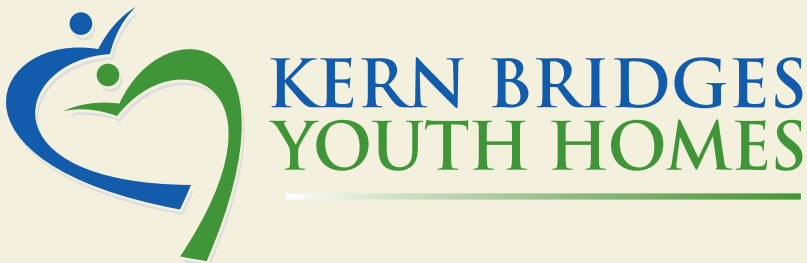


FREE



Giving away some vinyl.

I have some vinyl lps and 45s to give away to someone who collects vinyl. None are in pristine condition but some are probably difficult to find. Wild Man Fischer, woodstock two, a dozen or so 45s of kids Christmas from the 50's. First come, first serve. Email me at JBacon@kernbridges.com



KERN BRIDGES
YOUTH HOMES

Upcoming Trainings

February 7, 9:00-11:00am

“Assisting with Self-Administration of Medication, Emancipation and Independent Living” with Joe Ortega. RVSP to jortega@kernbridges.com

March 8, 6:00-8:00pm

“Managing Aggressive Behavior” with Mark Dominguez. RVSP to mark@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

January 26, 6:00-8:00pm

“Welcoming a New Child into your Home”

February 23, 6:00-8:00pm

“Trauma Informed Care and Attachment”

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

SAFETY

Fall Prevention

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them live to their full potential. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like falls, is a step toward this goal.

Falls are the leading cause of non-fatal injuries for all children ages 0 to 19. Every day, approximately 8,000 children are treated in U.S. emergency rooms for fall-related injuries. This adds up to almost 2.8 million children each year.

Thankfully, many falls can be prevented, and parents and caregivers can play a key role in protecting children.

Key Prevention Tips

Play safely.

Falls on the playground are a common cause of injury. Check to make sure that the surfaces under playground equipment are safe, soft, and consist of appropriate materials (such as wood chips or sand, not dirt or grass). The surface materials should be an appropriate depth and well-maintained.



Make your home safer.

Use home safety devices, such as guards on windows that are above ground level, stair gates, and guard rails. These devices can help keep a busy, active child from taking a dangerous tumble.

Keep sports safe.

Make sure your child wears protective gear during sports and recreation. For example, when in-line skating, use wrist guards, knee and elbow pads, and a helmet.

Supervision is key.

Supervise young children at all times around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment, whether you're at home or out to play.

January



February

Child Birthdays

- Devin S. 1/10 11 years
- King T. 2/1 2 years
- Landon S. 2/13 7 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- Maria Allison 1/3
- Jesse Farewell 1/14
- Petrina Caudillo 2/24
- Yaqueline Farewell 2/25

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Donte Williams 1/16
- Toribio Hernandez 1/25
- Diana Gil 1/26
- Trina Smith 1/28
- Judy Pilchard. 2/6
- Brianna Ceja 2/11
- Alfredo Hernandez 2/16
- Mary Ramos 2/22
- Marina Hernandez. 2/22
- Karissa Aquinaga 2/24

Happy Birthday!!!

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Rick Ramirez 7 years
- Jennifer Robbins 4 years
- Justin Smith 2 years
- Karissa Aquinaga 1 year
- John Beacon 21 years
- Always Mustin 2 years

Happy Anniversary!!!



Resource Family Spotlight:

The Doverspike's adopted three children in 2009 and thought they were finished with Foster Care. Then, a couple years ago, they met 2 young boys through a family friend that needed to be placed together in a home, so they began the process of becoming Resource Parents. They were approved again on 6-4-19 and the 2 boys were placed in their home on 7-12-19, after one month of weekend visits. The Doverspike's live on a 4 acre ranch and the boys have been able to experience an array of activities ranging from feeding animals to planting and harvesting gardens. We are happy to say that this was a match made in heaven. The Doverspike's are in the process of giving these 2 boys a forever home. Thank you for opening up your hearts and home.

