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Daniel McIntosh Marble 1936-2023 KBYH Founder

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

In 1987, Dan Marble set out to form a program to help the foster youth of Kern County. Initially a foster family agency, KBYH has since grown to include residential treatment, adoption services, supervised visitation, intensive services foster care, and community education. Fortunately Dan was able to see what had come of his humble program, often stopping in, participating in events, and culminating in being present last October as KBYH celebrated its 35-year anniversary. Dan continued to support the organization, faithfully paying us a visit every December to make a Christmas donation.

We knew that Dan lived an interesting life, but his obituary (link below) shows the depth and breadth of his experiences. We will be forever be grateful that part of those life experiences included forming our agency and subsequently impacting countless lives. Thank you Dan, you will be missed but always remembered.





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ISFC youth started their summer break with a fun day of bowling. The youth all had a great time showing off their bowling skills and interacting with each other and staff during this fun-filled afternoon. Thank you to Rehab.Specialists Yadira and Kennisha for organizing this event and allowing the youth to start their summer vacation with fun and laughter.

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ConGRADulations CLASS OF 2023!



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Five boys living in our STRTP's graduated high school last month. Congrats to all of you for your hard work and determination! The deepest desire in every one of us is to reach our fullest potential and rise to our highest level of achievement and fulfillment.

KBYH would like take this opportunity to thank McFarland High School and Ridgeview High School. We believe in the old passage that "it takes a village to raise a child." KBYH wants to thank you for working with our youth through troubled times and ask for your continued support with our program moving forward.

KBYH believes graduation is an important rite of passage. When a person graduates, it signifies the move from a previous form of existence to a more mature being. Many youths comes to the realization that graduation can be life changing; two phases of life that help tie different parts of a life together. A graduation is not just an end; it is a new beginning and the start of a new chapter in a person's life, whether it is another school year, or the entry into the workforce. There are few times in life when you'll put as much work into a single accomplishment as you did for the last four years. Celebrate!



MCFARLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Trainings

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July 27, 2023. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

"Trauma Informed Care and Attachment"

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.

<u>ISFC Training &</u> <u>Support Group</u>

Trainings are open to any Kern County approved ISFC Resource Family. RSVP to <u>marina@kernbridges.com</u>

"Medication Administration " June 20, 2023 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



KBYH would like to welcome Carolyn Torres, MSW. Carolyn graduated from CSUB in 2014 with her MSW and has worked in foster care/adoptions, behavioral health, medical social work, hospice, home health, incarceration, and now back full circle to foster care. She is looking forward to completing her clinical hours and hopefully getting her LCSW sooner than later.

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Carolyn is joining the FFA/ISFC team and primarily an ISFC Social Worker.

WELCOME!!!

KBYH would also like to welcome Alicia Barbosa, MSW. Alicia is a social worker with four years of experience working with children and families in traditional foster care, ISFC foster care, TFC foster care, and a STRTP setting. She enjoys working with resource parents and youth to stabilize placement, working through challenges, and finding creative methods to address challenging behaviors. Alicia chose social work and therapy, not because foster youth are disadvantaged, but because they deserve to see every opportunity in front of them and be encouraged and supported to achieve their goals. She looks forward to continuing to serve Kern County's foster youth and resource parents with Kern Bridges.

Alicia is also joining the FFA/ISFC team and primarily an ISFC Social Worker.

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NOW HIRING

Supervised Visitation Provider

Musts:

- ✓ High school diploma or equivalent
- ✓ Ability to work evenings and weekends
- ✓ Ability to write case notes for court
- ✓ Be at least 21 years old and be able to pass a Live/Scan background check
 - ✓ Pass a drug screen, pre-employment physical and TB skin test

✓ Covid Vaccination

- ✓ Be clear of a conviction, including DUI within last 10 years
- ✓ Reliable transportation, and have proof of automobile insurance

Education/Experience Preferred:

 \checkmark Have experience working with families and children affected by foster care

✓ Spanish Speaking

✓ Completion of at least 30 semester units of college coursework: including courses in the social or behavioral sciences or any equivalent combination of training and work experience in Child Welfare

Email resume and cover letter to Cindy@KernBridges.com

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KBYH Staff Birthdays

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6/7	Bill Gutierrez	
6/9	James Boston	
6/13	Maria Heredia	
6/28	John Bacon	

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

6/11	Vernetta Carter	17 years
6/14	Robert Carter	23 years
6/16	Donte Williams	17 years
6/22	Karen Ramos	l year
6/29	Juan Martinez	l year
6/30	Cindy Perry	3 years

Child Birthdays

6/11	Ethan	18 years
6/23	Samuel	16 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

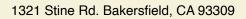
6/3	Carlos Caudillo
6/4	Deshun Jackson
6/4	Timi Mongold
6/5	Star Burgess
6/9	Loana Lugo
6/19	Marina Acosta
6/19	Haleigh Boss

Resource Parent Anniversaries

6/4Shana & Gale Doverspike4 years6/14Deshun & Marche Jackson1 year6/16Chris & Haleigh Boss7 years

ippy Anniversary!

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Another New Beginning

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We have some incredible news to share about Brittany! Following her graduation from college, she is transitioning from her role in supervised visitation to becoming a **Rehabilitation Specialist** for children in **ISFC**. We couldn't be prouder of her achievements. Brittany's unwavering dedication to supporting vulnerable children has led her on this transformative career path. Through her expertise and compassion, she will now be able to make an even greater impact in the lives of these children, providing essential rehabilitation services to help them thrive. Please join us in congratulating Brittany on this inspiring milestone and wishing her continued success in her new role.





Rehabilitation Specialist

Protecting Vulnerable Groups from Extreme Heat including Staff and Youth

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Keep kids cool and hydrate

SAFETY

- Never leave infants or children in a parked car, even if the windows are open.
- Dress infants and children in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Make sure they're drinking plenty of fluids. Stay away from really cold drinks with too much sugar.

Never leave kids in a parked car

- Even when it feels cool outside, cars can heat up to dangerous temperature very quickly.
- Leaving a window open is not enough temperatures inside the car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes, even with a window cracked open.
- Children who are left unattended in parked cars are at greatest risk for heat stroke, and possible death.

Tips for traveling with children

- Never leave infants or children in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- To remind yourself that a child is in the barkeep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front with the driver.
- When leaving your car, check to be sure everyone is out of the car. Do not overlook any children who have fallen asleep in the car.

Learn how to spot heat-related illness



• Seek medical care immediately if your child has symptoms of heat-related illness.

-Excerpt taken from KBYH Workers Compensation Carrier

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