

Angels for the Youth



Hector Espindola Torres, his wife Brisa Ramirez, along with their friends Elizabeth Aguilar and Ziza Robles are all community members who live near our offices on Stine Road. Together they have formed their own “Caring Club” called “Angels for the Youth” and its goal is to help needy children in the area. Their generosity helped brighten the month of March for our Group Home children by delivering a wide selection of bedding, blankets, toys, backpacks, and sporting gear.

Thank you for your wonderful gifts and caring ways.





Easter Party

April 13, 11:00-1:00
Skateland on Ming Ave.



Resource Parent Appreciation Dinner

May 9, 6:00-8:00PM
Coconut Joes Banquet Hall

Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

April 13, 9:00-11:00AM:

“Supporting Children & Non-Minor Dependents in School” with Bibi Carrasco. RSVP to 428-2915

May 8, 6:00-8:00PM:

“Prudent Parent Standard” with Jessica Mosley. RSVP 998-0146

May 15, 6:00-8:00PM

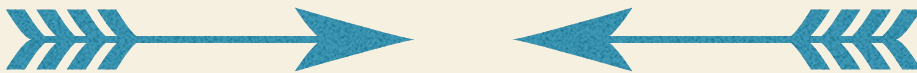
“Managing Aggressive Behavior” with Mark Dominguez. RSVP to 865-2352

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.



Congratulations to Coach Bibi Carrasco



KBYH's very own Bibi Carrasco was recently hired by Centennial HS as an Intervention Specialist. Bibi is also a coach for Centennial football. Bibi will still be a part of the KBYH family as he will continue working part-time. **Congrats Bibi and thanks for making things happen!**

Child Birthdays

April

- Dalton G. - 4years
- Elizabeth - 1year
- Christopher O. - 2years



Resource Parent Birthdays

- Hugo Hernandez: April 2
- Everardo Viramontes: April 4
- Alberto Cortez: April 8
- Neal Call: April 13
- Michael Drummer: April 16
- Ronald Allison: April 28

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Ricardo Ramirez: April 3
- Traci Childress: April 12
- Martha Pantoja-G: April 14
- Karen Kenney: April 17
- Hayward Cox: April 24
- Jessica Mosley: April 30

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

April

- Jessica Mosley: 16 years
- James Boston: 6 years
- Steven Kresha: 3 years
- Jill Howard: 2 years



What Happened to the Harp Quadruplets?



Christina and Jared Harp, former Foster Parents with KBYH, were blessed with quadruplets 4 years ago. By fate, they went from a family of 3 to a family of 7 in an instant. Although the Harp's are inactive foster parents, they will always belong to the KBYH family. The Quadruplets are 4 years old now and growing and maturing rapidly. The Harp family lives in Taft and hopefully this fall the Quadruplets will begin Kindergarten.

All the best, Harp family!

Safety

The KBYH Safety Committee is composed of your Representatives:

Jill Howard-Group Home Representative
 Kathy Irwin-Human Services
 Fernando Ortega-Maintenance
 Joe G. Ortega – KBYH Safety Officer

This Committee is an advisory body that reviews safety issues which may surface at KBYH or matters which may be directed to the Committee. Safety concerns may be presented in person, writing, telephonically or electronic means.

Correspondence:

- Kern Bridges Youth Homes (Safety), 1321 Stine Road, Bakersfield, CA 93309
- Telephone: Joe G. Ortega, 661-396-2321 or 661-619-5335
- Fax: 661-396-2347 (Mark for Safety)

ISFC

We have been talking to many of you about our new ISFC program. There are other aspects of ISFC you may be interested in.

Respite

There is a need for respite families to provide care for ISFC eligible youth for no more than 72 hours. The pay rate will be \$80/day.



Emergency Placement

Provide up to 30 days of emergency placement of a child stepping down from Jamison Center while KCDHS finds a home.

Medically-fragile Children

Resource Parents will be trained in the youth's specific medical needs. These youth may be eligible for ISFC rates and services.

If you are interested in learning about any of the above, please contact Marina at **661-396-2353** to schedule orientation.