



KBYH Group Homes had a very adventurous and eventful April 2018. Getting our boys outdoors is our mission, our goal and our passion when it comes to activities. When we travel, our boys experience unique activities that expose them to real life adventures. At KBYH, we believe learning exists when children are exposed to an experience to which they can connect. We want to give our boys the opportunity to go beyond group home boundaries and have first-hand experiences.

One of many events that took place last month was an outing to Steve Martin's Working Wild Life in Frazier Park. This was a unique outing because all the animals the boys visited and played with were used in movies and commercials. Movies such as Pirates of the Caribbean and Twilight, just to name a couple. Next, our staff and boys went to the Bluffs in Bakersfield and had a kite outing. It was a beautiful day and the wind blew perfectly so the boys had a blast. Also, the boys spent a full day at Pyramid Lake. While at the lake, the boys played in the water, went fishing, and did some paddle surfing. In addition to Lake Pyramid, the boys went right up the street to Magic Mountain to ride some roller-coasters. To close out the month, the boys stayed home one Sunday and made homemade ice cream. Our staff showed the boys how to google "Making ice cream" and purchased all the ingredients. The ice cream turned out to be very delicious. As one of our boys put it, "This ice cream is better than Baskin-Robbins"!

Summer Camp

KBYH's FFA summer camp will be July 29-August 1. More details will be available by early July.

Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

June 2, 9:00-11:00AM: "Crisis Intervention" with Bianca Ruiz. RSVP to 661-396-2303

July 11, 6:00-8:00PM: "Trauma Informed Care and Attachment" with Carrie Wombacher. RSVP to 661-396-2352

August 16, 6:00-8:00PM: "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

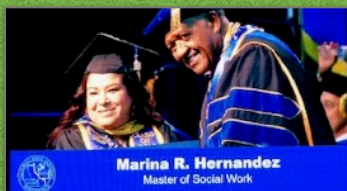
Ongoing Trainings

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 KBYH's own Marina Hernandez who recently graduated from CSUB with her Master's in Social Work. Marina worked hard to balance her studies along with her work duties. She was recognized by the Social Work department as the Outstanding Student of the Year and she graduated with honors. Great job Marina, we are very proud of you!!



Adoptions



Congratulations to the Mongold family, who on May 4th adopted Levi. Levi is a sibling to children the Mongold's have previously adopted and the family is thrilled to be able to have the siblings remain together.



Congratulations to the Martinez family who finalized their adoption of Hailey, Tanner, and Logan on May 18.



Child Birthdays

Andres R.: 15 years old
Kimberly O.: 12 year old



Foster Parent Birthdays

June 2: Patty Gil
June 4: Timi Mongold
June 5: Scott Newdang
June 10: Jason Beavers
June 11: Antonia Isidoro
June 16: Kate Viramontes
June 19: Haleigh Boss
June 21: Maria Carillo
June 24: Jimmy Villanueva
June 27: Daniel Quentino

KBYH Staff Birthdays

June 8: Lawrence Aspeitia
June 9: James Boston
June 28: John Bacon

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

Mark Dominguez: 9 Years
Donte Williams: 12 Years
Vernetta Carter: 12 Years
Robert Carter: 18 Years



Foster Youth of the Month: Mariah W.

A special thank you to Mariah who recently spoke at our annual volunteer and resource parent appreciation dinner. Mariah aspires to be a public speaker and showed why. She did an amazing job and has a bright future in inspiring others. Thank you Mariah for sharing your story and for the impact you made.

Resource Family of the Year: Pardon/Reyna family

Graciela Padron and Amando Reyna are outstanding resource parents who are highly deserving of this recognition. They were Certified in 2013 and adopted a little girl, Alejandra, in 2016. They have performed all of their resource parent duties and responsibilities in an outstanding manner. They are very loving, dedicated resource parents who have provided a wonderful home for the children who have been placed in their care. They treat every child as if they are their own. They have received many accolades from the Department of Human Services on how well they take care of the children placed in their care. The children are always well dressed. They celebrate every holiday and the children are dressed accordingly. They provide each child with a very loving, structured and stable environment. It is apparent that each child receives the unconditional love, nurturing and parenting they need to become happy, well adjusted children. On 9-15-16 they started on a long and difficult journey when they took placement of three special need children. One child has profound hearing deficits, one child had never been to school, and one was non-verbal because he was severely neglected. The care of these children entailed numerous trips to the UCLA hearing clinic, the parents learning sign language, trips to Madera Children's Hospital and numerous other specialized appointments, assessments, IEP's etc. On 4-6-18, the journey finally ended when the Padron/Reyna RH gave these children a forever home. On 4-23-18, we found out that there was a 3 week old half sibling that the County wanted to place in their home. On 4-27-18, they started on another journey when they took placement of the sibling. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty as resource parents. Congratulations and thank you for all you do!

KBYH Social Worker Spotlight: Matilda Briones

This month we are proud to present Matilda Briones as KBYH's selection as Social Worker of the Month. Mrs. Briones has served several children who have been placed with KBYH. The majority of the cases involve clients who have complicated situations, are delicate and require frequent coordination. Mrs. Briones has worked closely with us at all times to deal with issues which have surfaced quickly and required immediate attention. Her prompt response time has helped us rectify the problems which have surfaced. Mrs. Briones is experienced, talented and highly competent. She has been the right social worker for the difficult to place or manage clients. She was always available to assist and contribute to the case management of her clients. She is also a personable and customer service oriented Social Worker who has gained the respect of the social workers of this agency. We thank you Mrs. Briones for being there for us, always and helping us whenever we have needed you.



Safety Notes

The hot days of summer are here. Throughout the country, thousands of employees who work outdoors face the potential dangers associated with overexposure to heat. Factors such as working in direct sunlight, high temperature and humidity, physical exertion and lack of sufficient water intake can lead to heat stress.

"During the warm season, it is important to understand that exposure to heat can cause serious illness or death," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Edwin G. Foulke, Jr. "We encourage employers and employees to take advantage of OSHA's many free resources that offer advice on how to stay healthy while working outside."

Exposure to heat can cause heat cramps and rashes. The most serious heat-related disorders are heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Symptoms include confusion; irrational behavior; loss of consciousness; hot, dry skin; and abnormally high body temperature. Drinking cool water, reducing physical exertion, wearing appropriate clothing and regular rest periods in a cool recovery area can lessen the effects of working in summer heat.

-Taken from OSHA Web Site