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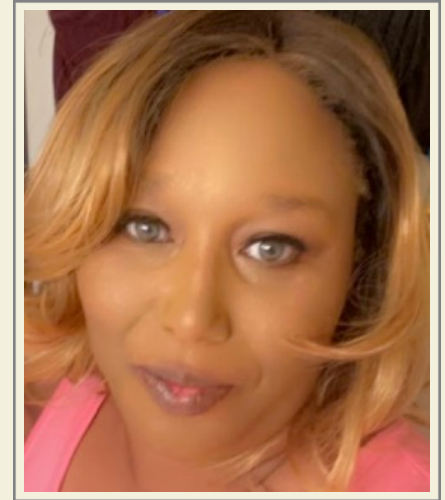
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Grand Times

Last month KBYH celebrated two very significant milestones. On October 6, KBYH held a Grand Opening for the Westra Visitation Station, our new site for supervised visitations. On October 20, KBYH held a Grand Reopening/35-year anniversary celebration to mark the completion of the renovation to our buildings at 1321 Stine Rd and KBYH's 35 years of serving foster youth. We deeply appreciate the support of the community and the representation from many of our elected officials to help us celebrate.



Kern Bridges would like to welcome Kennisha Calvin to our agency. Kennisha was recently hired as a Rehabilitation Specialist with the ISFC Program. Kennisha comes with years of experience working with youth and people with challenges. We are excited to have her join our team. Welcome Kennisha!



Kern Bridges would like to thank Lee Felix who is the artistic talent behind all of the photos that now adorn our hallways at Stine Rd. Lee is an employee at KCDHS and has partnered with Kern Bridges for years at Camp Forever, taking amazing pictures of our adoptive families. For this project, Lee captured many local Kern County landmarks perfectly and we are so happy with outcome. Thank you again Lee for being an amazing community partner.

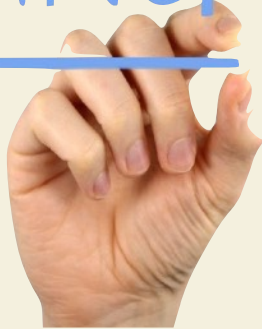
Congratulations to KBYH's ISFC/FFA Social Worker Lori Lockard, now known as Dr. Lockard! Lori recently completed a Doctor of Theology in Christian Counseling. Lori is the first and only KBYH employee who has ascertained the title of Doctor and we couldn't be more proud. Way to go Lori, on such a significant achievement.

Spooktacular Experience

The boys that live and staff working in Kern Bridges STRTPs are encouraged to dress in costume and get into the spooktacular spirit. During Halloween week, our boys attended several activities that included trips to Scary Valley here in Bakersfield, Halloween Horror Night at Universal Studios, Six Flags Fright Fest, and the Museum of Tolerance in LA. All the boys really enjoyed all of these extravagant events. The Magic Mountain trip seemed to be the outing that topped them all. While at Magic Mountain, the boys had the opportunity to complete a maze riddled with monsters. The entire theme park was dark all night and monsters jumped out of bushes to add a scare when the boys got too comfortable. In addition, many of the boys also attended a scary theater night at the movies and participated in activities at the group home such as carving pumpkins. On Halloween night, all the boys went Trick or Treating with KBYH staff and got lots of candy. All the boys had an unforgettable time and created positive memories that will last a lifetime.



TRAINING



Thank you to the Kern Bridges ISFC team for embracing these principles when working with our youth and families on a daily basis.



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

“Child Development and Behaviors”

November 15, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Youth Spotlight: Joe

Joe is a high school senior who has been placed in KBYH's Casa de Ninos STRTP in November 2019. In recent months he has made significant strides and he is mounting multiple successes. This past summer, Joe worked earning money as a coach for a youth basketball team and this school year he is again playing for the McFarland High School basketball team. Joe attends basketball practice daily and his hard work and preparation are paying dividends. Joe is on track to graduate high school this school year and while he had some minor struggles early in the school year, he has improved his grades in classes that he is required to pass in order to graduate. Joe is highly goal focused and he is working towards accomplishments that will benefit him upon emancipation. For example, he is studying to take the driver's license test, he will be attending driver's training classes, he has completed a resume, and Joe is looking forward to beginning HVAC training classes at Bakersfield College.

We are all extremely proud of Joe and the hard work he is exhibiting; we wish him all the success in the world.

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- 11/1 Robert Carter
- 11/8 Sean Brown
- 11/11 Elivia Alvarez
- 11/16 Cindy Perry
- 11/23 Asia Steele

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- 11/5 Antonio Balderas
- 11/9 Maria Heredia
- 11/19 Karen Kenney

Happy
Birthday



Child Birthdays

- 11/23 Ahryana B. 3 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- 11/22 Gale Doverspike
- 11/30 Teresa Viramontes

Resource Parent Anniversaries

- Loana Lugo-Juarez 4 years



Thank You

Thank you to JoVi Mongold, Dr. and Mrs. Mongold and Student/Friends of Bakersfield Christian High School for providing Face Painting at the Kern Bridges Youth Homes Carnival. The level of support was very impressive. Thank you!!!



 Save The Date:

***KBYH's Annual
FFA Christmas party***
will be on December 4
at Rollerama-West on Brimhall
from 4:30-6:30PM.

Further details to follow.



SAFETY

Automobile Safety

The job of protecting kids most often falls to parents and caregivers, and it is up to them to familiarize themselves with safety risks in and around their homes and communities. Once you know the risks, you can take steps to plan for safety.



Teen Driving

[A teen's biggest safety threat is sitting in the driveway.](#) Half of all teens will be in a car crash before graduating from high school. Teen drivers who continue to practice with their parents increase their chances of avoiding a crash.



Child Passenger Safety

Car crashes are the [leading cause of death](#) for kids and young adults from ages 1-24. Properly securing kids in car seats, booster seats and seat belts can protect them in the event of a crash. NSC offers tools and tips on [keeping your children safe on the road](#).



-Courtesy of: *National Safety Council (nsc.org)*



Resource Family Spotlight: The Drummer family

We take great pride in announcing the adoption of Isis Drummer, King Drummer and Eli'jon Drummer, which was finalized on September 30, 2022. It was a long 2 years, but the happy moment arrived on that special day. This year Christmas came early for Michael and Sheila Drummer. Congratulations to the Drummer family and we wish you the very best the future has to offer.

