

We're Open!

On August 31, 2020, KBYH opened its Supervised Visitation Program (SVP). The SVP provides space for court ordered visits in a setting that is safe, clean, comfortable, welcoming, and supportive of reunification plans. Many hands made this project come together and KBYH would like to thank the following for all their help:



*The AT&T Golden Empire Telecom Pioneers for donating over \$1,000 in supplies for our outdoor play area. In particular, KBYH would like to thank John Estep for enduring the heat and working hard to install a beautiful brick path, trimmed trees, and completed other misc projects to help complete our outdoor space. John is beyond generous in both heart and soul.

*The Mongold Resource Family for their donation of outdoor play equipment that is sure to see lots of use in the coming days and months

* KBYH's own Michael O'Doherty for all the sweat equity he has put into the program

* Cindy Perry, who made the conversion from Resource Parent to employee and has proven to be the most ideal Program Coordinator we could hope for

* Various community donors who provided couches (to take the place of fabric couches that were not very sanitary and COVID-friendly)

* The Vess family for their donation of 2 TV's



Community Partner Spotlight:

The Bakersfield Angels is a local chapter of a national foster care non-profit that was created to help empower children and build sustainable foster homes. We are a community of people that walk alongside foster children and their caregivers by offering consistent monthly support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship. Our two programs, Love Box Program and Dare to Dream, utilize a trauma-informed, wrap-around service model that strengthens relationships between foster families, foster youth and bio-families. Our volunteers are everyday people that sponsor a local foster family or youth with monthly care packages meeting practical needs while spending quality time with the whole family building positive community. They are changing the way kids and parents experience the foster care system. At Bakersfield Angels we believe in the power of love and the value of friendship and positive role models for kids in foster care. We want to connect people passionate about making a difference in the foster care community to our most vulnerable children that have experienced neglect and abuse and the selfless parents who care for them. Please go to our website at www.bakersfieldangels.org to learn more about how a resource family can be referred to our Love Box program and any foster youth (ages 11-22) to be matched with a mentor in our Dare to Dream Program.



Upcoming Trainings

December 2, 6:00 - 8:00pm

“Cultural Competency & Best Practices with LGBTQ Youth”
with Jennifer Robbins

RSVP to:

jrobbins@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 and include child care (over 2 years old) and dinner.

RSVP to Carrie Wombacher
carrie@kernbridges.com

October 27, 6:00 - 8:00pm

“Positive Parenting”

November 17, 6:00-8:00PM

“Child Development and Behaviors”

SAFETY

Top Tips for Fire Safety:

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries. Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year. If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT!**

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November



Child Birthdays

- Jeremiah O. 11/26 14 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- Garbis Marroquín 11/4
- Teresa Viramontes 11/30

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Robert Carter 11/1
- Jennifer Robbins 11/1
- Sean Brown 11/8
- Elvia Alvarez 11/11
- Bobby Brown 11/16
- Cindy Perry 11/16

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Antonio Balderas 14 years
- Karen Kenney 4 years



Intern Spotlight

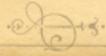
Kern Bridges would like to welcome Claudia Trevizo to the KBYH family. Claudia attended CSUB and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. She began working for the Department of Human Services as an Eligibility Technician and enjoyed being of service for our community. She later transferred to the Foster Care Unit where she did case management for adopted children. She then found the interest in social work and pursued a master's degree in social work. Claudia will be interning with KBYH until May, when she will be part of the 2021 Spring Graduation for the CBUS MSW program.



Child Spotlight

KBYH proudly presents Victor G. as this month's Child of the Month. Victor resides in the Cortez Resource Family Home and is a freshman in high school. Victor is relatively new to Kern Bridges and he is enjoying his stay with the Cortez family. He is a quiet, soft-spoken person who gets along with all with whom he associates. Victor enjoys reading, riding his bicycle and playing basketball. He spends much of his time on self-directed activities and spending time alone. He also likes to go out on walks or rides to spend time alone.

Congratulations Victor!



Ultimate Outdoor Experiences!

KBYH STRTP's did many outdoor trips over the last several weeks. It appears that many of our residents have had limited exposure to activities that may have not been accessible to them over the years. It's part of our mission at KBYH to expose our residents to a diversity of outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, ocean kayaking, camping, and bike riding; just to name a few. There have been many studies completed over the years regarding the positive benefits that physical activity has on both your physical and mental health. These most recent trips were definitely memorable, especially going deep sea fishing because none of our boys had ever fished from a boat. Likewise, catching fish out of the Kern River Canyon was just as exciting. Also, being able to enjoy the beaches near the end of summer was relaxing and enjoyable for both our boys and staff. KBYH really takes a lot of pride in creating unforgettable memories and creating first opportunities for those living in their STRTP's.

