

October 10, 2013

Dear Foster Parents:

I hope you are all adjusting into the school routine. Summer is always nice but it can be long and challenging with children. We are grateful to you all for the time, sacrifice and love you give to children no matter the season. I want you to know our state is in a serious crisis. The crisis is a lack of new foster homes. Our state has lost about 1,000 foster parents in the last few years. Our state has been forced to put kids into hotels with staff monitoring them. This is not a good situation for children to be in. Please pray God will bring more foster parents forward to help. If you know someone who may be interested in caring for children, encourage them to move forward. Thank you for what you are doing; we are truly blessed by you all.

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington

Washington State Patrol
Clearinghouse for
Missing Children
1-800-543-5678

Training Website
[http://
www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/
fosterparents/
ongoingvid.asp](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/ongoingvid.asp)

Christmas Parties

Port Orchard: **Where:** Sons of Norway Lodge, 1018—18th St. Bremerton, WA. **When:** 12/5/13 at 6:30 pm. **Menu:** Cold cuts, cheeses, breads, salads and dessert will be provided.

Burien: **Where:** Full Life Center near Ikea, 7829 S. 180th St., Kent, WA. **When:** 12/14/13 from 4 to 6 pm. **Menu:** A light meal and dessert will be provided.

Burlington: **Where:** Info to be determined at a later date. An invitation will be sent out once the date is confirmed.

Moses Lake: **Where:** Lake Bowl, 1165 N. Stratford Rd., Moses Lake, WA. **When:** 12/7/13 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. **Menu:** Pizza and pop will be provided. Santa has promised to stop in for the party and will possibly bring Mrs. Claus?!?

[www.independence.wa.
gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov)
Info and programs
available for youth (13-
21) in out-of-home care.

CPR/1st Aid/BBP
www.keepthebeatcpr.org
or call
1-888-704-6074

One of CFSF's foster parents, Yvette Browne, has been taking her foster children to visit with the elderly at Vista Village in Gig Harbor once a month. The children love visiting and the residents at Vista Village enjoy seeing the children. Sometimes they sing, read, talk, do skits, etc. Yvette told us that one man cried because he was so overjoyed to have visitors. If anyone would like to join Yvette and her girls once a month, please give her a call at 253-853-9088 or email at: yvettebrowne@ymail.com.

Adoption Referral &
Information Service
[www.adoptionreferral
service.com](http://www.adoptionreferral
service.com)

As many of you already know, Brooke Drennon has left our **Burien office** to do a practicum for her Master's program. Please help us welcome Thavarry Yaim (Thav for short). Thav will be the new case aide coordinator/office manager for the Burien office. She comes to us with a BA in Psychology from UW. She plans to continue her education to get her MSW to practice therapy.

Also help us welcome our new **Moses Lake office** manager, Blanca Razo. Blanca is the part time office assistant, case aide and will soon be a part time case manager. Blanca has a bachelor's degree in Social work from Ea Wa. University. Please stop in to welcome her.

CFSF After Hours
Emergency Pager
1-866-281-9644
Website:
www.cfsf.net

HALLOWEEN FUN

Come join the Kitsap Foster Care Association on 10/26/13 from 5:00 pm—9:00 pm at the South Kitsap Regional Park in Port Orchard. Ride the Ghost Train presented by the Kitsap Live Steamers. There will be game booths, a bouncy house, food, train rides, and other activities. Go to: Kitsapfostercare.org for more information.



Bicycles for Foster Children

Bicycles4kids.com is a non-profit charity that gives bicycles away to foster and underprivileged children. Their area of coverage is Kitsap and Pierce County but will make an appointment for any child.

The bicycles are not new, but are refurbished to great working condition. Currently they have a lot of 10 speed bikes but a shortage of smaller bikes. They are in need of used parts. If you have any old bicycles, parts or bike tools laying around that you don't need anymore, please contact them. Since their inception, they have processed 3500 bicycles and counting to deserving children ages 3 to 16.

Bicycles4kids are a ministry of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church of Gig Harbor and 100% non-profit. They work in conjunction with Olympic Bike and Skate of Port Orchard, Ion of Gig Harbor and Peninsula Indoor BMX. If you don't live in the area, you can schedule a time to choose and pick up a bicycle. For contact information, go to www.bicycles4kids.com or www.bicycles4kids.net. You can also donate parts or bicycles from the website or contact Bob directly at: donate@bicycles4kids.com.

Pacific Northwest Caregivers Conference
2014

Where: Great Wolf Lodge

When: May 17 & 18th, rooms available from May 16th—May 17th.

Contact Great Wolf to book room. Group Code number is 1305 FPAWS.

Movie—

Short Term 12

A new movie to watch for, Short Term 12 is about life in a Group Home. It's told through the eyes of Grace (Brie Larson) a twenty something supervisor at a foster care facility for at risk teenagers. The documentary highlights group homes and foster care.

