

CFSF FAMILY CONNECTION

Winter 2022



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Dear Foster Parents,

With Thanksgiving in our rearview mirror and Christmas right around the corner I want to thank you all for opening your homes to children in need. It is truly a blessing to hear about the love and care you provide to foster children and birth families – Thank You and may God Bless You.

CFSF is all about placing foster children in the care of foster families able to care for their needs and help them find permanency. It is beautiful when it all comes together. Placing children in the right home is something we take very seriously and always seek your approval.

As we carefully select the children you take into care, DCYF on the other hand **MUST** find care for all children in need. Often this means spending the night with children in hotels or even in DCYF offices. The buck truly stops at DCYF's door.

I have a heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the DCYF team. We are honored to partner with them, and are grateful for these men and women who step forward to make sure **ALL** our states children in need are cared for.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington

Don't forget, Foster Parents are eligible for Paid Family Medical Leave for new placements. For more information & to apply go to

PAIDLEAVE.WA.GOV

Success Story

Jacob was placed with the Morris home as an infant. After being in their care for quite some time, the Morris family was told that some of Jacob's family members had worked very hard, and were cleared to take placement of Jacob. Although the Morris' were sad to hear Jacob would be leaving, they were glad to know he would be going to loving family members. Jacob began having visits with the relatives, and the caregivers and relatives began to communicate. Everyone had the same goal: a smooth transition for Jacob. Jacob's social worker gave the foster family and relatives the freedom to plan reunification as they saw fit, as long as the plan was well-communicated with the social worker. As the reunification process progressed, the caregivers and family members continued to work together to ensure that the family was able to be a part of all of Jacob's needed appointments, as well as the celebration of Jacob's birthday and holidays. Everyone continued to keep Jacob's well-being in mind, and reunification was a success!

Way to go,
Team Jacob!



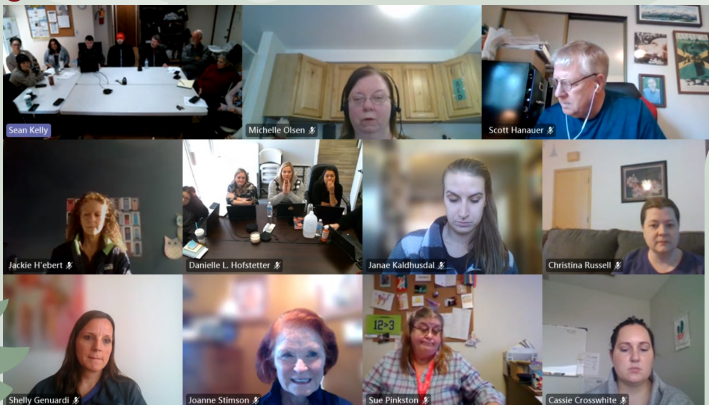
Donations make a Difference!

This year, with your help, we were able to go above and beyond in supporting our foster families! We were able to: provide clothing and shoes for kids who came into care with nothing, encourage new interests with sports equipment and art supplies, equip a foster parent with a stroller for a child fighting cancer, supply a teen with a much needed computer, send kids to camps throughout WA, and host many summer and holiday family events! Without your help this would not be possible!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SUPPORTING CFSF KIDS THIS CHRISTMAS:

*Windermere Port Orchard
Bethany Lutheran Church
Ticket to Dream Foundation
Amazon Wish List Purchases
Individual Sponsors for Spokane
Individual Sponsors Moses Lake
Individual Sponsors Burlington
Road Brothers Motorcycle Club
Fort Vancouver Lions Club
The Rotary Club from Vancouver*

Staying Connected



As we continue to transition to working more and more in-person, we are so grateful to be able to continue to connect online! Here we are at our recent All-Staff! Thank you to our IT department for keeping us connected!

CFSF Christmas Events

- ❄ BURLINGTON
12.8.22 Riverside Lanes
- ❄ FIFE
12.3.22 CFSF Fife Office
- ❄ MOSES LAKE
12.10.22 Lake Bowl
- ❄ OLYMPIA
12.4.22 Hope Community Church
- ❄ OMAK
12.7.22 Valley Lanes
- ❄ PORT ORCHARD
12.5.22 Bremerton Elks
- ❄ SPOKANE
12.10.22 North Bowl Lanes
- ❄ TRI-CITIES
12.9.22 Chuck E Cheese
- ❄ VANCOUVER
12.15.22 Church of the Nazarene



Staff Departures:

Vancouver Case Manager *Alana Van Dusen*
Human Resources *Jobeth Cortese*
Family Support Specialist *Tamsyn Doty*

New Welcomes:

Family Support Specialist *Brandy Johnston*
Family Support Specialist *Sarah Theisen*
Vancouver Case Manager *Nicole Romero*