

CFSF FAMILY CONNECTION



Winter 2023



Dear Foster Parents,

As we head toward another Christmas, I look forward to attending 7 of our 8 Christmas parties around the state. I so hope to see you at one of those gatherings! Attending these parties is one of the highlights of my year. It is so rewarding to see foster parents loving the kids God has put in their lives – it puts everything we do at CFSF in perspective – God bless you and thank you!

As many of you know my 91-year-old mother is a prayer warrior and has been praying for our agency for over 10 years. She prays for all CFSF foster parents and staff. She also prays for our state partners with DCYF. Additionally, I call her often with specific prayer requests for foster parents and staff.

I am a firm believer God loves us, hears us and answers prayers. Nothing is too small or too big for God.

Recently my mom asked me to share her email with you. My mom (Lois) would like you to contact her if you would like prayer.

Here is her email address:

Lois Fullington lmfull@comcast.net

God Bless you all and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,



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Success Story



Shelly will be graduating from WISE services! She has made significant progress in emotionally regulating herself. When initially placed into foster care, she had the most challenging behaviors of all her siblings. Now her birth father identifies her as a role model for her other siblings!

Great job Shelly on all the growth and positive changes you have made!



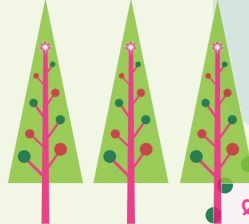
DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you to the help of our community, Christmas-time for kids in care is extra special this holiday season! Thanks to generous donations, we have been able to provide: tutoring, sport lessons & equipment, clothing & household essentials, toys, & much more!

JUST TO NAME A FEW, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CFSF:

- Port Orchard Bethany Lutheran Church
Eva Halter * Vancouver Lion's Club
Russell Family * Ticket to Dream
Frances Moore * Kitsap Kid's Dentistry
Dave Ness Corp * Haggen * R. Olson
Dunn Family via National Christian Fdn.
Network For Good * Kroger

The Foster Parent Alliance of Washington State (FPAWS) conference was held at the Great Wolf Lodge in September. It's a great weekend full of fun, food, and great training opportunities! Agencies across the state gather to share community resources. We're proud to have one of our foster homes be a recipient of the star award for their years of dedication and service to our foster community. Thank you to FPAWS for allowing Community & Family Services to be part of such a great conference and cant wait till next year!



CFSF CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- BURLINGTON 12.15.23 Riverside Bowling
FIFE 12.10.23 Fabulous 50's Hall
MOSES LAKE 12.9.23 Ten Pin Lanes
OMAK 12.6.23 Valley Lanes
PORT ORCHARD 12.6.23 Bremerton Elks
SPOKANE 12.9.23 North Bowl
TRI-CITIES 12.8.23 Quake Family Fun
VANCOUVER 12.14.23 Hillcrest Church



Christmas WORD SCRAMBLE

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Reminder: CPA Foster Care reimbursements will be coming directly from the State starting 1/1/2024. Please reach out to your Case Manager if you need support during the transition

Staff Departures:

- FIFE CASE MANAGER Gabriela Ruiz
BURLINGTON FSS Kathy Rexford
EXECUTIVE ASST Jennie Brusco
SPOKANE CM FSS Anna Ward
VANCOUVER CM Nicole Romero
VANC LISC ASST/FSS Sarah Theisen
VANCOUVER FSS Libby Holloway

New Welcomes:

- SPOKANE CM Michelle Munns
VANCOUVER CM Abigail Hester
FIFE CM McKenzie Hart-Lindgren
VANCOUVER CM Diego Chacon
SPOKANE CM Erin Bartell