



FOSTER CARE AUXILIARY E-mail Newsletter

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"OUR MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF ALL ORANGE COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN, AND TO SUPPORT AND RETAIN ORANGE COUNTY LICENSED FOSTER FAMILIES."

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Foster Care Auxiliary Board Member Focus on.... Diana Suber, Circle of Concern



My husband, Jack and I have been foster parents in Orange county since 1965. We began working with Children's Home Society caring for newborns for a short time before adoption. After 29 years with CHS, we transferred to the county with our dear friends Sharon and Joe Dooley. The four of us took the classes together and then joined the Special Medical Unit. We loved the challenge and all the new things that we learned while working with the special problems that these babies have.

Last year we became ESH parents. We felt that short term placements better fit our ever-changing lifestyle. Our four children are now on their own. Being involved with the care of our 160 + children has helped each of them become wonderful parents to our 7 grandchildren.

We enjoy traveling and have been able to fit in many trips to different countries. Our youngest daughter has lived in Australia for 16 years and we have visited her family three times. This year we joined members of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce for a nine day tour of China.

Jack and I have had a very good life. We have lived in Orange county since being married 46 years ago. We are active members of our church community of St. Vincent de Paul in Huntington Beach. Most of our social life revolves around our church friends, our neighbors and other foster parents.

Because of our membership in the FCAOC we have met and become good friends with many dedicated foster parents who share many of the same joys and challenges that we face every day. The Auxiliary has many resources and support for members in addition to fun events for the families through-out the year.

As we are coming to the end of our 41 years of foster parenting we know that God has blessed our family so very much. What we don't know is how much longer we will be able to continue,- but we will never regret our decision to become foster parents.

Category of Links

Visit our web site & encourage others to visit & donate with easy Pay Pal. Even \$1 will make a difference & is appreciated.

<http://www.fostercareaux.com>

Click below for Newport Dunes Beach Party Flyer

<http://www.fostercareaux.com/html%20flyers/06BeachPartyInvite.htm>

Click below for Foster Family Picnic Flyer

<http://www.fostercareaux.com/html%20flyers/'06%20Picnic%20Flyer.htm>

Click below for FCAOC Membership Form

<http://www.fostercareaux.com/html%20flyers/07EarlyBirdMembership.htm>

Visit the link below to see an up to date calendar of Auxiliary Activities.

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/fostercareaux>

Find answers to many questions on SSA web site

<http://www.oc4kids.com>

Find a tutor for your foster child at Professional Tutors of America

<http://www.professionaltutors.com>

Presidents Letter

The picture at the right was taken at Utah Olympic Park while vacationing there over the July 4th holiday. This ride is the Ultra Zip which drops down the winter freestyle hill allowing the sensation of ski jumping.

That's my niece beside me...err behind me; we took off at the same time but in this case, the extra pounds got me ahead instead of the usual 'behind'. I was okay until I was strapped in...something didn't feel right, and I told the gal strapping me in that I didn't think I was in



right....She patted me on the back and said "You're fine!" while opening the gate which started the drop. Was I scared? Absolutely....BUT, she was right- I was fine! I'm going to compare it to volunteering for the Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County...I have done so many new things since becoming Auxiliary president this year. Things that I wouldn't normally do, and don't feel comfortable doing....BUT I am absolutely glad that I did and am receiving the rewards of many positive outcomes for the Auxiliary by taking these plunges into unfamiliar territory. Remember, I'm just a foster mom...BUT I see a need and a real cause in the Auxiliary. I hope more of you will take the plunge into unfamiliar territory and volunteer to help me. I promise – You'll be fine! Together we can watch the Auxiliary grow and be part of its success. To those of you who consistently jump in with me when you can....Thank you, thank you, thank you...obviously, we couldn't do without you...but there needs to be more volunteers to spread the work load from so few. Why not join us on August 12 from 9am to noon just to get a feel for the hard work that goes into running the Auxiliary. Join in to sort/move boxes and clean and put up shelves, or anything you can offer to make these 3 hours go by faster.

We have had a generous offer from *Art & Creativity for Healing* to do a workshop for our children. Bring the paper included in this newsletter with you to the Quarterly meeting on August 17 to be included in the drawing. We'll have a relaxing and fun night of games and dessert.

In addition to foster family members remembering to RSVP for the Newport Dunes Beach Party on August 13th, please plan on attending the Foster Family Picnic this year on September 16th. It is being held at Kiwanis Land Park in Garden Grove, a beautiful private park with volley ball, ping pong, a play ground, a stage, a kitchen, plenty of shade.....and no bees! No kidding, it's going to be great! The picnic is for all Orange County Licensed Foster Families regardless of membership in the Auxiliary, and Kinship and other Agency foster families IF they ARE members of the Auxiliary. Also for our members who are not foster parents, if you would like to volunteer to help at the Picnic (contact me) then you are invited, of course...and we can use all the help offered!

Kathy Harvey, President
Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County

Members Only Distribution Days -

Please remember to bring your ink cartridges and cell phones in for recycling

**Shoppers, Bring your own Bags on Member Shopping Days! **

Friday-Aug 4th, 11am-2pm/Saturday-Aug 5th, 9-noon/Monday-Aug 7th, 9:00-noon

Every member can shop one time per month choosing between the 1st Monday, 1st Saturday, or 1st Friday of most months.

Non member foster parents are welcome to come in on member days for free t-shirts...10 for every family!

Tupperware Fundraiser still going on during member shopping.

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Thrift Store Hours:
Mon. & Sat. 9am-4pm
Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 11-6
Closed Sun. & Wed.

Thrift store special

Bag Day-All Day on August 7th, Monday (9am-4pm)
Stuff a bag with clothes or any other cloth items (baby blankets, sheets, towels, etc.) and fill to the brim for only \$5...
Videos can be included in your bag for this Bag Day only!
Buy as many bags as you like!

Membership...yours will expire on 12/31/06



If you are thinking of signing up a friend, do it between July 1st and September 1st. Not only will anyone signing up after July 1st be signing up for 2007- they will be getting the remaining months in 2006. Also as an added bonus for the renewing member, for each new member that signs up with them, they will receive a \$10 savings on the price of their membership for up to three memberships.

Please see the special membership form on the Events page of our web site or the last pages of this newsletter. Another plus to signing up at or before the picnic is that you will be entered in a special 'Early Bird' membership drawing.

Remember that all members who joined before July 1st 2006, have memberships that will expire on December 31st 2006.

Help the Environment - Help the Auxiliary

We are collecting ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling. Please bring them to the Thrift Store or Distribution Center and drop them in our recycling bin. You will be helping to earn money for the Auxiliary and reducing the millions of pounds of toxic cartridge and cell phone waste dumped into landfills each year. If you can let your friends and neighbors, children's schools, and local companies know to save them for you, we can make a big difference. If a company is going to donate regularly we can get a collection bin for them.

Volunteers Needed - August 12th 9am-NOON

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank

We actually always need volunteers, but on August 12 we need everyone at once to help us for three hours. Our plans are to empty out the distribution stock area and sort/organize it while new shelves are being installed in the room, then restocking the organized boxes. Please come and help us...if you can't stand to sort, or don't have the muscles to lift, come anyway and offer moral support for our efforts....Pizza, coke, water, popsicles, etc. wouldn't hurt either!

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Upcoming events: Visit our on-line calendar for the latest information

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/fostercareaux>

*August – Member Shopping will be the 1st Monday, Friday and Saturday of the month
August 12 – New Shelves & reorganization of distribution center....we need EVERYONE's Help!*

August 13 – Beach Party at Newport Dunes (RSVP by August 7)

August 14 – 10am- Picnic Committee Meeting at 333 S. Brookhurst in Anaheim

August 17 - 7pm – FCAOC Quarterly Board Meeting, 744 Echhoff Annex

August 28 – 9am-noon - Art For Healing Workshop, Distribution Center

September 16 – Foster Family Picnic – Kiwanis Land

November – Elections and Quarterly Meeting

December – Auction at Agency Dinner and Training

Monthly Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday evenings of each month...location will be announced and will usually be at one of the board members homes. Contact any board member or check the web site for current information.

To be removed from this email list send an email to kharvey@socal.rr.com with 'remove me from FCAOC e-mailings' in the subject line. Make sure you include your name as that's how the emails are filed.

Thanks to those who make our mission possible.

To the following who have contributed \$2500. or more:

- R.C. Baker Foundation
- Boeing Employees Community Fund
- Orangewood Children's Foundation
- National Charity League, Pacific Coast Chapter

To the following who have contributed \$100 or more:

- First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana, 600 N. Main, 714 542-7253
- Wal-Mart #2546
- Dr. Richard Mungo
- Ellis G. Evans
- Wiechelman & Associates, CPA
- To Orange Grove Quilters Guild who has made hundreds of pillowcases for our children.
- To Pullman & Miller, Attorneys at Law for their sponsorship of our May 2006 newsletter.
- To our 2005 'Friends of Foster Family' award recipients for helping us to keep our distribution center stocked: Crate & Barrel #504, Wal-Mart #2546, Crate & Barrel #510
- To Orangewood Children's Home whose ongoing support contributes to the success of the Auxiliary
- To Miguel Cuebas and Hometown Buffet for their contribution of food at special events
- To Yvonne and Chris Knutsen and Grocery Outlet for their donation of food at special events
- To Mary Villamore and Boeing for printing and folding Auxiliary Brochures
- To Laura Colerick for her continuing contribution of cakes for our children
- To the following who have contributed to our 2006 scholarship Fund
 - \$1 - Cypert Family, Cabanas Family, Villamor Family, Linda Meyers, Cypert Family, Dolores G Miranda, Denise Anderson, Cypert Family, Matt & Ashley Andis, Harvey Family/ Jane C., Janer C., Susan C., Joshua C., Kyle, Corona Family, Maria corona, Corona Family, Alex, Shawn, Mary D., Corona Family, Vicki A., Vicki Andis, Corona Family/ Vicki Andis, Tierra Pene #1 Daughter of Monika & Alfred Pene, Roe Ramos & Annette Ramos, Yaseng & Taliya, Keoni Pene #1 Son of Alfred & Monika Pene, Matt & Ashley Andis, Mary Daetwieler, Taliya, Harvey Family/ Fetner Family, Mary D, Monse y Jose, Mary D, Angie, Vicki Matt & Ashley Andis, Gloria Smity Jasmine Lopez, Jamie Hogan Marquez Family
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 - \$10 - Deborah Adisin & Sheila, The Cano Family, Sheila Cantrell, Harvey Family / The Harvey Family/Annette Harrison & Joe Ramos, Cano Family, Harvey Family/ Harvey Family
- And to YOU for being a member and participating.

Newport Dunes...we need your RSVP



Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County

**Invites you to their 10th annual Beach Party at Newport Dunes.
August 13, 2006 - Sunday at 11am**

**Newport Dunes: 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, CA
cabanas 4 and 5**

**RSVP by August 7th to
kharvey@socal.rr.com or 714 891-2468 or
yamasaki5@aol.com or 714 846-7470**



**All Auxiliary Members who are Orange County
Licensed Foster Families are invited.**

**Please rsvp to help us plan your lunch and
activities.**

Check our web site for further details.

www.fostercareaux.com

Picnic- September 16 - save the date

The Flyer and better map is available on our web site www.fostercareaux.com on the events page.
Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Note that it is a new location.



All Orange County Licensed Foster Families Are Invited to Attend the Annual 2006 Foster Family Picnic

September 16th 11:00 – 3:00
(lunch served 12 – 2)

Kiwanis Land, 9840 Larson Ave, Garden Grove, CA
(Main Cross Streets; Brookhurst St & Garden Grove Blvd)
Off Garden Grove Blvd. take Kerry to Larson Ave.

*Sponsored by Orangewood Foundation,
Department of Social Services
& Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County*



Join the Auxiliary as they put on the 22nd picnic for the foster families of Orange County Social Services. There will be fun, food, rides, entertainment, & prizes. It is our biggest event of the year....you DON'T want to miss it!

Please park only in legal parking spaces at the Boys and Girls Club next door.
Put this flyer on your car dashboard so it can be seen while you are parked.

There will be special prizes for early bird Auxiliary Membership....remember your present membership only lasts through the end of 2006...sign up now to be included in the drawing for some wonderful prizes and receive special gifts at the picnic, and so you don't miss any member shopping days or any of our fun events and activities. To join fill out the enclosed membership form or go to our web site, www.fostercareaux.com to print out a registration form and mail it to Martin Harvey; 15651 Monroe St., Midway City, CA 92655 to be included in the special drawings at the picnic. You may also join while shopping at the Store on member days or at the picnic! Email kharvey@socal.or.com for more information on membership or the picnic. We hope to see everyone there!
Membership is NOT required to attend the picnic....all Orange County licensed foster families are invited!





Art for Healing:

Expressing Feelings with Color For kids



This 3-hour fun workshop teaches you how to express feelings with color through painting with acrylic paints on canvas

no previous art experience necessary!

*facilitated by
Art & Creativity for Healing Inc*

Date: August 28, 2006

Place: Foster Care Auxiliary
333 S. Brookhurst
Anaheim, CA 92804

Time: 9-12pm

Cost: FREE

Limited to 15 students who are birth, adopted or foster children of FCAOC members



Art for Healing Workshop

I am interested in having my child participate.

Participant Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Date _____ Is this your birth _____, adopted _____, or foster _____ child?

Please fill out this coupon and return it no later than August 17th

Participants will be drawn at the August 17 Quarterly FCAOC Meeting. It is not necessary to be present to win.
If you have more than one qualifying child in your family please put them all in one envelope for drawing.

Quarterly FCAOC Meeting- August 17th, 744 Echhoff Annex, 7pm-9pm

Join us for a fun night of games and desserts while you learn what's up at the Auxiliary.

Speed Bingo... Lots of Prizes

Drawing for the participants in the above flyers art workshop and for the winner of this quarters quilt.

Bring your suggestions for future meetings and ways we can improve OUR organization.

Meeting is open to all MEMBERS including members who join at the meeting... You may bring a friend to the meeting to join in the games.

Your membership will start immediately and will include the remainder of 2006 and the entire year of 2007.

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FCAOC Membership

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The Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County is a proactive group of foster parents, Social Workers and community members dedicated to working together to provide high quality care of dependent children, foster parent support, legislative advocacy and continuing education. As our association grows, we can be stronger advocates for both our children and our families. If we truly believe we are professional foster parents, we need to belong to a professional organization.

The Auxiliary operates and fills a distribution center with donated new items for members to 'shop' from on specific days (normally the 1st Monday, & the 1st Saturday of each month- 9am to noon and the 1st Friday of each month from 11am-2pm) in addition to running a thrift store which helps to support the Auxiliary. We maintain a website to keep members informed and send email newsletters and announcements of services available to Orange County Licensed foster/kinship family members. The Auxiliary plans and host a yearly picnic for all Orange County licensed foster families and has other events, activities, trainings and functions throughout the year for members who are Orange County licensed foster/kinship families. The Auxiliary provides two scholarships and two 'friend of foster family' awards annually, and has an experienced board to advise and represent you concerning foster care.

Membership is \$50 per family per calendar year & 12 hours of volunteering which will be suited to your talents, abilities and needs is appreciated.

To join, please fill out the application below. Make your check payable to "FCAOC", & mail to Membership chair: Martin Harvey, 15651 Monroe St., Midway City, CA 92655

For more information call 714 891-2468 or email kh Harvey@socal.rr.com

Foster Care Auxiliary Membership Application 2007

Please print neatly so that we will be able to transfer the information

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ *E-Mail _____

Amount enclosed _____ check _____ cash _____

Please check one: Orange County Social Services foster parent _____ Kinship Care foster parent _____

Who is your licensing worker? _____

agency staff _____ Thrift Store employee/volunteer _____ interested community member _____ Adoptive Parent _____

FFA home _____ -Who is your agency? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

***note, one of the ways we keep you informed of events is e-mail...please provide one if possible.**

**** receive \$10 off your membership for each new (not renewing) member you sign up...see back.**

Member does not have to be a foster parent...let your friends, neighbors and relatives show their support for foster families by joining the Auxiliary.

To receive the discount, Membership info along with new member sign up and fees must be turned in together.

This special is good only from July 1 - September 1st, 2006, and all those signing up will receive the remainder of 06 in addition to the entire 07 year and be entered in the Early Bird Prize Drawing at the Foster Family Picnic. Limit of 3 new members per renewing.

NEW Foster Care Auxiliary Membership Application 2007

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