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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.... Joanna Hussey-Social Services Rep

Growing up in Massachusetts, I always knew that I wanted to live in California. While busy watching television shows such as The Brady Bunch, Streets of San Francisco and Rockford Files, I remember thinking that life on the West Coast appeared to be fantastic! I finished my master's degree in Boston, including a semester as an undergraduate in Spain and then went to work for the Department of Social Services in Boston.



At the age of 30, I finally made my long awaited move to California. I arrived in Orange County from Boston with one disgruntled cat in 1990, and two days later I was at my newly arranged job as a dependency investigation senior social worker for Children and Family Services! I have worked six years in the court unit and nine years in foster placement unit.

I continue to be in awe of foster parents caring for children in the court system. In 1992, I had a foreign exchange student, Carlos- age 17, from Madrid, Spain, placed with me in my home while he attended a summer language program. Carlos wanted to practice English and I used the opportunity to practice Spanish. It was an interesting experience for me to be "single parent" working full time and providing companionship, entertainment, transportation, supervision and limit setting with an active teenager. What a summer that was!

Since November, 2005, I have been in the position of liaison for foster parents and kinship caregivers. I work with four wonderful support services workers that you may have met; Adrian Santillan, Cheryl Rondon, Kristin Augustine-Medby and Larreine La Voie. I took over from Peggy Roberts who had served as the liaison for nine years until her untimely death from cancer during September 2005. I have been given the opportunity to be the Children and Family Services representative to the Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County. For those who do not know, this is an extremely hard working group dedicated to enhancing the lives of foster children and supporting foster families. It is a pleasure to work with all of the foster care auxiliary board members.

In order to relax and enjoy myself, I am a follower of professional baseball and basketball. I also love to travel. In 2005 I traveled to Mexico, Canada, France and various cities in the U.S. including New York, Boston, Las Vegas and Chicago. To avoid grouchiness, I make time to work out at the gym, mixing it up with a combination of weights, yoga and some aerobics. For the last fourteen years, I have attended a weekly nighttime Spanish language class, including reading and writing in the language. The age range of students is from 46 years to 82 years old - definitely an adult group!

I see myself in this job as an approachable and fair person with a good sense of humor. In this unique role of foster care and kinship liaison, I have the opportunity to work with staff from many different divisions in the agency as well as with various community groups. I am really enjoying all the duties and responsibilities attached to this position, Although, I know all the Spanish speaking foster parents, I am trying to meet the remainder of the foster parents that I do not know yet.

I hope to see everyone at the Foster Parent Picnic on Saturday September 16, 2006!

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 to get Rubio's fundraiser flyer for July 17th 4pm-8pm

<http://www.fostercareaux.com/html%20flyers/rubio'sflyer.htm>

Click below for Newport Dunes Beach Party Flyer

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

Click below for Foster Family Picnic Flyer

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Scholarships for foster and former foster youth

<http://www.fostercareaux.com/scholarship.html>

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 the DOVIA Award Luncheon in June where I was recognized for Self-Initiated Contributions to our non-profit. It feels really special to have someone notice when there is an extra effort being made and while I understand that those of you who put extra effort into making the Auxiliary work don't do it for the recognition, I hope that you are duly recognized all the same. I know we all do what we do, be it foster parenting or supporting foster families by being a member of the Auxiliary or volunteering, in the hope that our contribution will make a difference....in even one child's life. That is the reward...the trophy...the gratification. We've all been there and felt the warm glow when it all goes right, and as foster parents we've had our share of heartbreak when it doesn't. But we're tough and know that our efforts can make a difference. I hope that the Auxiliary can bridge those tough times and enhance the good ones for you. We want to see your family at our events, we want to know your joys, and be there for your sorrows.



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!

With the picnic comes the Early Bird incentive to rejoin or join the Auxiliary. There are special incentives this year with discounts for your membership if you get a new member to sign up between July 1st and September 1st. There is also the chance to win in the Early Bird prize drawing if you join for 2007 at or before the picnic. New Members don't need to wait to start enjoying member benefits...your membership includes any months remaining in 2006 plus the entire year of 2007! Send in your membership now and join us for our beach party in August.

As a SPECIAL REQUEST to EVERYONE....please take the Rubio's flyers included in this newsletter and copy it to give to everyone you know and urge them to visit one of the Rubio's listed on Monday, July 17th with the flyer. You can also download the flyer from our web site...it must be given to the cashier at the time of order for us to get credit. This is a great way to show your support...by taking your family out for dinner!

Kathy Harvey, President
Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County

P.S. If you know of any foster or former foster youth who is going on to college who could use a little extra monetary support please have them fill out our scholarship application. The deadline is July 31st... Hurry!

Members Only Distribution Days - A representative from

Tupperware will be available to fundraise for FCAOC on Saturday while you are shopping. Orders may also be placed from the fundraising catalogue on Friday and Monday with all sales benefiting the Auxiliary.

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

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

Saturday-July 8th, 9-noon/Monday-July 10th, 9:00-noon/Friday-July 14th, 11am-2pm

Every member can shop **one** time per month choosing between the 1st Monday, 1st Saturday, or 1st Friday of most months...please note that July shopping will take place the 2nd week to avoid the holiday.

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

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Thrift store special

7 Books for \$1...July 8 through July 14 only

Remember that baby receiving blankets and towels are only 50 cents each every day!

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.

Scholarship Deadline Nearing

Have you noticed the scholarship fund donation wall behind the cash register at the Thrift Store? I want to thank every one who has donated so far to help with our 2006 scholarship fund and remind any graduate who is or has been in the Orange County Foster Care System to apply for one of our grants.

Scholarship Application Instructions

- Two (2) academic scholarships will be awarded annually.
 - Applicant must have resided, or be residing in an Orange County licensed foster home.
 - Applicants must submit a completed and signed application by July 31.
 - Applicants must be applying for, or already be in a post-secondary training/education program or college that will help applicant to achieve his/her goals.
 - The final determination of the scholarship award will be made by the selection committee.
 - Applicants will be notified of the results of their application by September 1.
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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.

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Professional Tutors of America

Professional Tutors of America Provides Services Nationwide

Since 1983, Professional Tutors of America has been helping children throughout California. This year the company has expanded throughout the United States by providing tutors for foster children in many other states. The company guarantees to provide tutors for the children in any of the fifty states.

Professional Tutors of America provides one-to-one instruction direct to the student's home. They teach all subjects at all levels. All children benefit from the individualized approach, since it is the most effective method of teaching. In addition to improving students' grades, the professional tutors serve as counselors and mentors for the foster children. All tutors are professionals who meet the state guidelines for teachers, including background checks and tuberculosis testing.

Professional Tutors of America has contracted services with several county governments and foster agencies in California, New Jersey, Illinois and Florida. Locally the company serves children from Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties.

Bob Harraka, the president and founder of the company, said "We are making a major difference in the lives of thousands of children by improving self esteem and changing student attitudes. We also have an immediate impact on those children in the Independent Living Program, who will soon be emancipated. These children are major beneficiaries of our program. They welcome the praise and encouragement that they receive from our services."

Further information can be found at the company's website <http://www.professionaltutors.com> . If you would like your child to receive services from Professional Tutors of America, contact your social worker. Please remember that services are always contingent upon the availability of funding in your area.

Volunteers to the Rescue

Thank you, thank you thank you. We had such a great group of volunteers that we were able to finish our job of sorting toys for the picnic in less time that anticipated. Thanks to everyone who was involved....we couldn't have gotten it done without you!

Volunteers Appreciation Tea: June 17th

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

What a wonderfully fun day! Scones, tea sandwiches, deviled eggs, salads, cookies and cakes.....and don't forget the tea. Because it was such a hot day, we had both iced and hot flavored teas available. It was very nice to get the chance to visit with some of our regular volunteers and express our gratitude and appreciation for their volunteerism. We welcome and need all volunteers...contact me or Nina Yamasaki to find out how you can help.

Upcoming events:

Visit our on-line calendar for the latest information

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

info also available on our website www.fostercareaux.com

July – Member Shopping will be the 2nd Monday, Friday and Saturday of the month

July 20, 7pm – FCAOC Board Meeting, place to be determined

August 13– Beach Party at Newport Dunes

August 17 – Save the Date for possible Quarterly Meeting

September 16 – Foster Family Picnic

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.

Rubio's Fundraiser...Be sure to take this flyer, and feel free to make copies.
Copies are also available on our web site. www.fostercareaux.com

STOP IN FOR A TASTE OF BAJA AT
Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill®
AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE
Foster Care Auxiliary of Or Co

TIME: 4 – 8 pm

DATE: Monday, July 17

DESTINATION: RUBIO'S RESTAURANT

16622 Beach Blvd in HB or

520 N Euclid in Anaheim, or

20 City Blvd West in Orange
(The Block)

That's right, whether you crave to eat-in or take-out at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill, just present this flyer to the cashier and Rubio's will donate 20% of your transaction to the FOSTER CARE AUXILIARY OF OC!

- Please remember to turn this flyer into the cashier to receive credit -

Join us and have a good time, enjoy a great meal, and support the FOSTER CARE AUXILIARY OF OR CO!



- Marinated Chargrilled Chicken
- Marinated Chargrilled Carne Asada
- Sautéed Grilled Shrimp
- Carnitas Street Tacos
- Low Fat HealthMex
- Our World Famous Fish Tacos
- And Much More!

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
cabanes 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 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!



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
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 - \$5 - Patrick & Le Family, Vicki Andis, Harvey Family/ The Jandron Family, The Harvey Family, Mary D/ Anabella & Mikal & Steven Soltero & Val Sanchez, Mary Daetwieler, Templeton's, Shirley J., Patrick Family, Harvey Family
 - \$10 - Deborah Adisin & Sheila, The Cano Family, Sheila Cantrell, Harvey Family / The Harvey Family/Annette Harrison & Joe Ramos, Cano Family, Harvey Family
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FCAOC Membership

Foster Care Auxiliary of Orange County
2007

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www.fostercareaux.com

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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Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ *E-Mail _____

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