

You are invited to the upcoming
Faith in Motion Meeting:
January 15, 2015
9-11 a.m.
Meetings held at Kidd St. Office
10281 Kidd St., Riverside, Ste. A&B



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**Adopted Social Workers
& Their Church Families**

- ★ Andrea Aranda of the Desert Region — by Palm Desert Church of Christ
- ★ Laura Banuelos of the West Corridor Region— by United Methodist Women’s Group of Corona United Methodist Church
- ★ Marcia Butcher of Metro Region & Amada Whitson of Youth & Community Resources — by Compass Christian Church
- ★ Maureen O’Brien of the Metro Region — by Faith Lutheran Church
- ★ Deborah O’Shea of the Metro Region — by Immanuel Lutheran Church
- ★ Letisia Valdepena of the Permanency Region — by Crossroads Christian Church
- ★ John Dean of the Diamond Valley region — by To Somo Church
- ★ Kristy Alvarez by — Embrace Ministry of Centerpoint Church
- ★ Wayne Shepperd by—Mt. Rubidoux Seventh Day Adventists Church

Spotlight

Spotlighting “Thank You”

November is traditionally the month when everyone across America celebrates a time for thankfulness. It is definitely no less for Faith in Motion. Although November has come and gone, as we continue to reflect over the past year, we cannot even begin to adequately express our gratitude for the ongoing support and out pouring of love that our Faith in Motion partners give to our Department, as well as to the children and families that we daily serve.

There is not enough space in this newsletter to print all of the blessings bestowed on our families, but it goes without saying, they are in abundance. As Faith in Motion grows, Children’s Services staff are slowly but surely learning that there are many in the community that just want to love and bless their families.

In the upcoming New Year, Faith in Motion will be making a diligent effort to share monthly how our staff and families are being blessed by our faith partners. Just to recap November, particularly because it was Thanksgiving, we wanted to share that many of our families who were in need received Thanksgiving baskets full of food and a turkey for cooking.

- Immanuel Lutheran Church donated 7 Thanksgiving Baskets.
- Reliance Church donated 10 Thanksgiving baskets.

- Compass Church donated 12 Thanksgiving Baskets.
- Palm Desert Church donated 23 Thanksgiving Baskets.

Although this is not all inclusive of the many generous blessings, these four churches alone blessed almost 50 families for this single holiday. Thank you so much Faith in Motion partners!!!!

GAP Store Metro

Metro Region is excited to announce the Grand Opening of their very own GAP (God Answers Prayer) Store. Designed much like the GAP Store in the Desert Region, the GAP Store provides items for social workers who may have a need on their caseload that cannot be met by other means. You can find toys, puzzles, books, and stuffed animals just to name a few items.

Thursday, December 4th, Metro’s Regional Manager, Sean Sullivan, welcomed Metro staff to the new GAP Store with refreshments and a grand tour of the “Store.” Staff



were amazed to learn that all of the items in the store were donated and available for the children they serve. In selecting items for families, staff are offered a thank you

card to provide to the receiving family so a note may be delivered back to our donating faith partners.

The best part of this special “Store”, is that all of the “merchandise” received is solely due to the generosity of our community partners through Faith in Motion. Metro staff cannot wait to start sharing these blessings with their families. Thank you once again, Faith in Motion partners, for continuing to bless our families in so many ways!!!

Palm Desert Church of Christ Thanksgiving Baskets

Desert Region Social Workers, along with our Faith in Motion partners from the Palm Desert Church of Christ, worked together to bring joy and happiness to families this Thanksgiving. 20 Children’s Services families and three Adult Services seniors received holiday bags overflowing with Thanksgiving dinner delights and other special items. Many thanks to Jack Brohamer and his two grandsons for their efforts to bring joy to our children, families and seniors. We can not thank everyone enough!



- **The Faith Based Community Partners believe that they are called to look after orphans & widows .**

What is Faith in Motion?

Faith in Motion is a collaborative initiated by Children’s Services Division to engage local faith based communities throughout Riverside County to connect them to our children and families that have been impacted by abuse and neglect. Faith in Motion gives local faith based communities opportunities to provide support and encouragement to those families we serve. While all faith based communities are different, it is the Department’s belief that each faith based community has something to offer a child or a family. When the family is interested in this connection, we can serve as a link.

How To Get Involved with the Faith in Motion Movement

The next Faith in Motion meeting will be held on January 15, 2015 from 9-11 AM @ 10281 Kidd St. Conference Room A & B 2nd floor as well as Indio CSD site teleconference room.

Faith based partners, managers, supervisors & social workers meet monthly to discuss a particular child(ren) that are available for adoption or non-minor youth that have a need. We ask the faith based community to take this information back to their organizations to

meet these needs of our foster children.

In addition, we discuss Faith in Motion, our progress and how each of us can be involved to help our families.

So, what can you do? First, come to the monthly meetings to learn more about Faith in Motion. Second, be willing to take the youths’ needs to your church to give your church family an opportunity to serve in the community. Third, talk to your pastor and open the door for a meeting with Faith In Motion.

Faith in Motion Objectives & Goals

Faith in Motion’s objectives include:

Increasing resources to foster children and their families.

Reducing re-entry rates of foster children by increasing successful reunification with their parents.

Increasing placement stability for foster children, by recruiting and supporting county licensed foster homes.

Increase positive outcomes for foster youth by providing support for independent living, housing, employment,

tutoring and college assistance.

Faith in Motion goals include:

Develop a Faith In Motion Collaborative that bridges the gap between our foster youth, their families and the communities in which they live.

Develop community support systems for our families that are reunifying with their children.

Provide every foster youth, ages 7-21, with stable adults who can mentor and enhance their development.

Create an extended non-traditional forever family for each youth that will remain in our care through emancipation.

Build relationships with local faith based communities and provide opportunities of service for communities.



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- ◆ Compass Christian Church
- ◆ Corona United Methodist Church
- ◆ Crossroads Church
- ◆ Exclaimed! Ministries
- ◆ Faith Lutheran Riverside
- ◆ Foundation 4 Kids
- ◆ Generations Church
- ◆ Grace Church
- ◆ Harvest
- ◆ Hope Community
- ◆ IEHP
- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran Church
- ◆ CFLC Kincare
- ◆ La Sierra University Seventh Day Adventist
- ◆ Mercy Projects
- ◆ Sandals Church
- ◆ SCA Surgery Center
- ◆ Shalom Ministries
- ◆ Shepherd of the Valley Church
- ◆ Sketchers
- ◆ St. Christopher's Catholic Church
- ◆ St. Thomas
- ◆ Teen Leadership Foundation
- ◆ Temecula Christian Church
- ◆ Temecula Community Church
- ◆ The Blessing Center
- ◆ The Grove Church
- ◆ To Somo Church
- ◆ TURN
- ◆ Valley Christian Vineyard
- ◆ Victoria Presbyterian Church
- ◆ Weaver Mortuary

◆ **Faith Based Partners have been meeting Riverside County Foster Children's needs since 2006.**

Calendared Events for the Faith Based Community 2014

2014. Ongoing Monthly Events:

- ◆ "HOPE Collaborative" at 8172 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 8:30-10 a.m., each 3rd Wed. of each month.
- ◆ "Foster Parenting and/or Adoption Orientation" at 11070 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92505 in the Training Room from 9 am to 2 pm., each 4th Friday of each month. (Schedule is interrupted in November and December.)

December Events:

- ◆ December 18, 2014; "Young Adult Holiday Party 2014" at La Sierra University Gymnasium at 6 pm. Event offers young adults participating in Extended Foster Care a community gathering to explore traditions of the holidays. Interested volunteers for this event, please contact Michelle Wohl at 951-358-7491.



- ◆ Mt. Rubidoux Seventh Day Adventist Church
- ◆ New Beginnings Baptist Church
- ◆ Oasis Christian
- ◆ "Olive Crest, Safe Families for Children"
- ◆ Palm Canyon Community Church
- ◆ Palm Desert Church of Christ
- ◆ Path of Life
- ◆ Promise Lutheran Church
- ◆ Reliance Church
- ◆ Riverside Community Church
- ◆ Riverside County Employees
- ◆ Royal Kids Family
- ◆ Safe Families

Children's Services Introduction:

Welcome to the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Children's Services Division (CSD). We are a public Child Protective Service (CPS) agency mandated to investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect.

Children's Services Mission:

To ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children and to support families.

