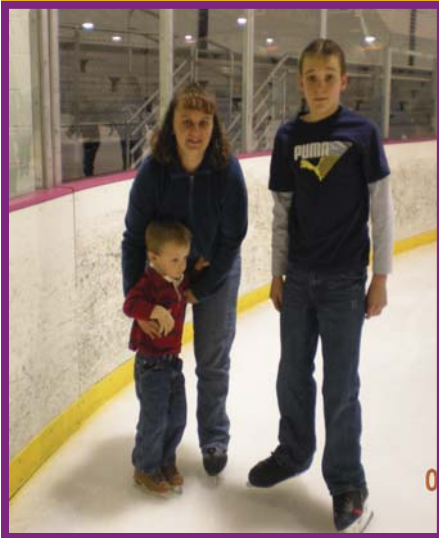




Village Voice

April/May 2010

May is National Foster Care Month!



On Saturday, March 20, 2010, Center Ice Arena in Delmont, PA welcomed 61 adults and children to the Annual Ice Skating party sponsored by the Foster Parent Association. Adelphoi Village foster children and youth, along with their foster families, enjoyed an afternoon on the "old ice pond".

Jen B. stated, "I improved my skating from last year. I fell 20 times last year and only 7 times this year!" It was a great time for families to visit with each other and share their stories. This year, several parents and staff ventured out onto the ice with the children. No injuries other than bruised knees were sustained. Special thanks goes out to Center Ice Arena for providing free passes for the skating and the FPA for pizza and beverages. See you next year!

Spring Tip:

Cut down ornamental grasses, trim up herbs, pick up dead leaves and debris, then take time to smell the flowers and listen to the birds!



WELCOME NEW FWC FAMILIES!

FWC would like to welcome a new kinship families:

James & Faye Annis - Vanderbilt, PA

David & Christine DeHoyos - Williamsburg, PA

Ralph & Patricia Graham - North Huntingdon, PA

James & Ricki Lyn Prohaska - Bradenville, PA

We look forward to working with you!!!

FAMILY PREPARATION CLASSES

Connections by Choice at WCCC:

Apr. 6, 6:30-8:30pm or May 22, 1-3pm- "Who are the Parents"

Apr. 8, 6:30-8:30pm or May 22, 9-10:30am- "Who are the Children"

Apr. 12, 6:30-8:30pm or May 8, 1-3pm- "Child Development"

Apr. 14, 6:30-8:30pm or May 8, 9-10:30am- "Attachment"

Apr. 20, 6:30-8:30pm or May 22, 3-4:30pm- "Healing the Hurts"

Apr. 22, 6:30-8:30pm, or May 22, 10:30am-12:30pm- "Grief & Loss"

Apr. 26, 6:30-8:30pm or May 8, 3-4:30pm - "Parenting Skills"

Apr. 28, 6:30-8:30pm or May 8 10:30am-12pm "Resources/Legal Issues"

Professional Family Care Services (Johnstown):

Apr. 6, 6-9pm "Child Development"

Apr. 10, 9-12noon "Parenting/Discipline"

Apr. 10, 1-4pm "Laws & Regulations/Court Process"

Apr. 15, 6-9pm "Crisis Intervention"

Apr 15, 9-noon "Who are the Children?, Who are the Families?"

Apr 17, 6-9pm "Crisis Intervention"

Apr 22, 6-9pm "Attachment/Grief & Loss"

May 1, 9am-noon "Attachment/Grief & Loss"

May 1, 1-4pm "Who are the Children?, Who are the Families?"

May 4, 6-9pm "Parenting/Discipline"

May 8, 9am-noon "Child Development, Sexual Abuse"

May 11, 6-9pm "Laws & Regulations/Court Process"

May 17, 6-9pm "Crisis Intervention"

Adelphoi Village FWC-Scalise Training Center in Latrobe:

Apr 28, 8:30am-4pm "Violence, Hate, Crime in Youth Culture"

May 13, 8:30am-noon "Contracting"

May 13, 1:00pm-4:30pm "Child Management"

Three Rivers Adoption Council (Allegheny County):

Apr 1, 6:30-8:30pm- "Legal Issues"

Apr 13, 6:30-8:30pm- "Who are the Parents"

Apr 15, 6:30-8:30pm- "Who are the Children"

Apr 20, 6:30-8:30pm- "Child Development"

Apr 22, 6:30-8:30am- "Attachment, Trauma & Brain Development"

FWC Staff Shout-Outs

Congratulations to Brittany F. for her academic excellence over the past few weeks! We are very proud of you!

-Jen Christian

Welcome New Staff!!!

Angie Needham-FWC Recruiter, Jane Foster-Northern Tier Caseworker



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Foster Parent Association News:

To bring light to National Foster Care Month and help support the efforts of Adelphoi Village Foster and Adoptive Services, the Foster Parent Association is sponsoring Hoss's Steak and Seafood Community Night as a fundraiser event. You are invited and encouraged to support the FPA by enjoying a meal at Hoss's in Greensburg May 3rd, or in Murrysville on May 18th with 20% of your bill donated to the FPA. The coupons for the discounted meals are available through FPA members or from 4th St. Office, 724-838-9074.



Upcoming Events!!!

FPA goes to Kennywood Amusement Park August 2010

-The Adelphoi Village Foster Parent Association is organizing a family field trip to Kennywood Park in August. In order to help supplement the park entry fee we are suggesting families and foster children participate in our fundraising events:

- Hoagie Sale: Orders will be taken until April 23 and delivered April 29 and 30. Hoagies will be \$5 and available in turkey and Italian. Order forms are included and should be returned to Paul Johnson, Adelphoi Village, 105 W. 4th St., Greensburg, PA 15601.
- Gene and Boots Chocolate Bars are available to be sold! Order a box of 14 bars for \$12 and sell each for \$1. They are available in 4 varieties: Plain Milk chocolate; Milk chocolate with almonds; Milk chocolate with crisped rice; and Plain dark chocolate. It's a great way to encourage your child to earn their own spending money for Kennywood! GET STARTED SELLING NOW! Call Paul or Angie at the office for your pre-paid order.

-The Adelphoi Village Olympics will be held June 17, with a rain date of June 24 at The Latrobe Stadium in Latrobe, PA. T-shirts will be provided only for those attending. Place your size order with your caseworker by April 22. The color is Kelly Green, in Adults-s, m, L, xL, xxL, xxxL, & Children-s, m, L.

"Loving Homes Needed!"

FWC Recruiters Paul Johnson and Angie Needham prepare to post a yard sign outside of the 4th Street Square office in Greensburg. The yard sign is just one of the many marketing projects for Adelphoi Village Foster Care and Adoptions.



History of National Foster Care Month

In 1988, Senator Strom Thurmond was encouraged by the National Foster Care Association to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month due to the tremendous work of families offering homes to thousands of children in need. In the 1990's the focus of National Foster Care Month was on the aging out of the system, that is, youth who turn 18 while in state care. Today, the month of May is used to heighten visibility for the pressing issue and provide a strong outreach for individuals and organizations working to support foster children and families.

You're invited to April Family Support Group at the Children's Aid Society of Mercer County:
350 West Market St, Mercer, PA 16137
Phone: 724-662-4730
Date: Thurs, April 22 Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Cost: Free Childcare Provided RSVP: by Apr 21
Guest Speaker: Katie Miller, Prevention Specialist

Our condolences to Marie Frena on the passing of her brother, Don Jakubek, who passed unexpectedly in March.